

# Guide to Wisconsin Hook and Line Fishing Regulations 2003-2004

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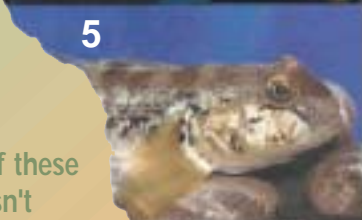
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## How to use this pamphlet

Enjoy your fishing, but be sure you know the rules!

To use this pamphlet, follow these steps:

- 1 Restrictions:** Be familiar with the Statewide Fishing Restrictions on pages 6-9.
- 2 Trout waters:** If you plan to fish for trout, please see separate trout regulations pamphlet, *Wisconsin 2003-2004 Trout Fishing Regulations and Guide*, available from your license distributor, County Clerk, or any DNR Service Center.
- 3 Special regulations:** Check for special regulations on the water you will be fishing in the section entitled **Special Regulations-Listed by County** beginning on page 17.
- 4 Great Lakes and Boundary Waters:** If you are planning to fish on the Great Lakes, their tributaries, or waters bordering other states, check the appropriate tables on pages 48-61.
- 5 Statewide rules:** If the water you will be fishing is not found in the **Special Regulations-Listed by County** and is not a Great Lake or boundary water, statewide rules apply. See General Inland Waters table on pages 48-49.

**Free Fishing Weekend**— June 7-8, 2003. Every year, the first consecutive Saturday and Sunday in June is designated as Free Fishing Weekend throughout the state of Wisconsin. Residents and nonresidents of all ages can fish without a fishing license (and trout stamps) over these two days. However, all other fishing regulations (length limits, bag limits, etc.) apply.



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For fishing information or regulation updates, visit  
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\*\* This pamphlet is an interpretive summary of Wisconsin's fishing laws and regulations. For complete fishing laws and regulations, consult the Wisconsin Administrative Code of the Department of Natural Resources.

This publication is available in alternate format upon request. Please call (608) 267-7498 for additional information.

# Summary of Major Regulation Changes for 2003-2004

**Muskellunge** - The minimum length limit on muskellunge in Lake Michigan, Green Bay, and their tributaries north of Waldo Boulevard in the city of Manitowoc has increased from 40" to 50".

**Yellow perch** - The open season on yellow perch in Lake Michigan and its tributaries is now June 16 to April 30.

An **unattended line** has been defined as a fishing line to which the person using the line is not actively directing his or her attention and, during open water, any line that is more than 100 yards from the person using the line.

Other 2003-2004 regulation changes of more local significance are listed in the section entitled **Special Regulations - Listed by County** and are *italicized*.

The regulations in this pamphlet are effective April 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004. We welcome your suggestions on how to improve this pamphlet! Please send ideas to: WDNR, Fisheries Management and Habitat Protection, FH/3, P. O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921

## Fishing Licenses, Stamps, and Tags

Wisconsin residents who are 16 years old or older need a fishing license to fish in any waters of the state. Residents need a fishing license to take rough fish by hand or to spear fish where allowed. Residents do not need a fishing license to take smelt, rough fish, or minnows with nets, traps, and seines of legal size. (Obtain the 2003-2004 Wisconsin Spearing and Netting Regulations for additional spearing and netting regulations).

Nonresidents who are 16 or older need a nonresident fishing license to fish in Wisconsin waters with hook and line. Nonresidents also need a fishing license to take smelt, spear fish, or to take rough fish and minnows using nets and seines of legal size. Nonresidents may not sell minnows or smelt. Nonresidents need a fishing license to take rough fish by hand or to spear fish where allowed.

Fishing licenses are sold at DNR Service Centers, some county clerk offices, and at many bait shops, sporting goods stores, and marinas. Groups of disabled persons on fishing excursions conducted by nonprofit organizations may not need fishing licenses. Contact the WDNR Bureau of Customer Service and Licensing, (608) 266-2621 for more information.

All annual licenses are valid from April 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004

- Resident individual (annual) fishing license—Fee \$14.00
- Resident combination (husband and wife) license—Fee \$24.00. Issued to a legally married husband and wife who meet residency requirements.
- Resident sports license—Fee \$43.00. This license allows for fishing and hunting of small game and gun deer.
- Resident conservation patron license—Fee \$110 (Nonresident fee \$575). This license serves as a substitute for separate licenses and stamps for annual fishing, sturgeon spearing, inland trout fishing, Great Lakes trout and salmon fishing, hunting small game, turkey, pheasant, deer, waterfowl, archer hunting, and trapping. You also receive an admission sticker for state parks, state forests and state trails, and a one-year subscription to Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine.
- Resident reduced-rate fishing license—Fee \$7.00. Required of anglers 16 and 17 years of age and anglers 65 years of age and older. Residents born before January 1, 1927 do

not need a fishing license. Simply carry proof of age when fishing. Nonresident senior citizens must purchase a regular nonresident license.

- Resident annual fishing licenses for the disabled—Fee \$7.00. Anglers must provide proof they are receiving Social Security Disability Benefits or Railroad Retirement, because of disability. Discount applies to fishing license only. Disabled nonresidents need to buy a regular nonresident license.
- Resident annual disabled veteran's fishing license—Fee \$3.00. Veteran's must provide proof they are receiving benefits from the Veteran's Administration for a service or non-service related disability of more than 70%. Nonresident disabled veterans must purchase a regular nonresident license.
- Free annual resident armed forces fishing license for members of the U.S. armed forces who exhibit proof that they are in active service with the armed forces and that they are a resident on furlough or leave.
- Nonresident individual (annual) fishing license—Fee \$34.00.
- Nonresident 4-day individual license—Fee \$15.00.
- Nonresident 15-day individual license—Fee \$20.00.
- Nonresident 15-day family license—Fee \$30.00. Includes children 16 & 17 years old.
- Nonresident annual family license—Fee \$52.00. Includes children 16 & 17 years old.
- Annual Inland Trout Stamp Privilege (residents and nonresidents)—\$7.25. *See Wisconsin 2003-2004 Trout Fishing Regulations and Guide* for license restrictions. Required in addition to the fishing license to fish trout on tributaries to Lake Superior and all inland waters, except Green Bay and Lake Michigan tributaries up to the first dam or lake.
- Annual Great Lakes Trout and Salmon Stamp Privilege (residents and nonresidents)—\$7.25. Required in addition to the fishing license to fish trout or salmon on Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, Green Bay and the tributaries of Lake Michigan and Green Bay up to the first dam or lake - see definition on page 55.
- Two-day Sports fishing license for residents and nonresidents—Fee \$10.00. This license entitles a resident or nonresident to fish the outlying waters of Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, and Green Bay, as well as Lake Michigan and Green Bay tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake. No Great Lakes trout and salmon stamp privilege is required because the privilege is included in the license.

## Automated License Issuance System

The automated license issuance system (ALIS) for license and stamp sales has eliminated the need to affix a stamp to your license when fishing for trout in inland waters or salmon and trout on the Great Lakes. The stamp privilege you have purchased will be printed on the license. If you pay for a stamp and still want to receive the actual stamp, you can get one at a DNR service center at no additional cost or through the mail for an additional fee.

## Lost Fishing Licenses/Stamps

If you lose your fishing license, you may obtain a duplicate for \$7.00 at DNR Service Centers, some county clerk offices, or other ALIS vendors. **Duplicate stamps are not available. Lost stamps will need to be replaced by purchasing a new stamp privilege at full price.**

## Inland Trout/Great Lakes Trout and Salmon Stamp Privileges

You must have an inland trout stamp privilege if you need a fishing license and intend to fish for trout in inland waters, including streams flowing into Lake Superior. You need a Great Lakes Trout and Salmon Stamp Privilege to fish for trout and salmon in Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, and streams that flow into Green Bay and Lake Michigan from their mouths up to the first dam or lake including the Milwaukee River upstream to the Grafton Dam in the village of Grafton and tributaries of the Milwaukee River upstream to the first dam or lake, and the Menomonee River upstream to the Lepper Dam in the village of Menomonee Falls and tributaries of the Menomonee River upstream to the first dam or

lake. Anyone who is exempt from the requirements to have a fishing license or who is not required to pay a fee for a fishing license also does not need to purchase an Inland Trout or Great Lakes Trout and Salmon Stamp Privilege to fish for trout in those waters. Please consult the **2003-2004 Trout Fishing Regulations and Guide** for further trout and salmon information. For online information on Lake Michigan and its tributaries visit <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/fhp/fish/lakemich>

## Fishing Guide Licenses

Only licensed fishing guides may guide anglers for monetary compensation. Guide licenses may be purchased for a fee of \$40 for a resident and \$100 for a nonresident. Interested persons may call 608/266-2621 for application materials.

## Lake Sturgeon Tags

If you fish for lake sturgeon with hook and line, you must first obtain a free tag from your local DNR Service Center or ALIS licensing outlet. You are allowed one tag for Lake Superior, Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters, or inland waters, and a second, separate tag for fishing Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. After you catch a lake sturgeon of legal length that you wish to keep, immediately attach your tag to the fish just in front of the sturgeon's tail, then register your catch at a DNR registration station no later than 6 p.m. the day after you caught the fish.

# Statewide Fishing Restrictions

## *It is illegal—*

### Licenses

- to fish in any waters of this state without a Wisconsin fishing license and stamp privilege as required. You must have your fishing license with you when fishing and present it to a warden on request. Even waters with no public access (including most private ponds) are considered waters of the state and the appropriate license, tag, or stamp is still required.
- to possess, loan, or borrow another person's license, or tag.

### Angling Methods and Lures

- to fish with more than three hooks, baits, or lures.
- to take fish by any means other than angling unless otherwise provided.
- to leave any fish line unattended except when using licensed setlines or bank poles. During the open water season, anglers must remain within 100 yards of their line.
- to fish using the technique known as "jug" fishing in all waters of the state.
- to possess or use spears, snag hooks, gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets or fish traps or to use or possess on the water unlicensed setlines, bank poles and trotlines. See the **2003-2004 Wisconsin Spearing and Netting Regulations** for more information.
- to fish by snagging, foul-hooking, or attempting to hook fish other than in the mouth.
- to keep foul-hooked, snagged or any fish not hooked in the mouth.
- to take fish other than rough fish by hand.
- to take fish using a firearm or pellet gun.
- to fish with a hook and line while possessing a dip net (a landing net is not a dip net).
- to motor troll except in counties and waters listed in the section titled Special Regulations - Listed by County (see definition of motor trolling on page 14).

### Bait

- to release unused bait fish into Wisconsin's lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams.
- to possess live crayfish while fishing or while possessing angling equipment on any inland water, except the Mississippi River.

- to use goldfish or alewife in any form for bait in state waters except that alewife may be used on Lake Michigan and L. Michigan tributary streams up to the first dam or lake.
- to remove insect larvae from a trout stream except that a licensed angler may take insect larvae or nymphs from trout streams by hand (no seines or nets) during the open trout season for their immediate personal use as bait in the stream from which they were taken. All larvae and nymphs must be returned to the stream prior to leaving the stream from which taken.
- to use gamefish as bait unless they meet any length restriction for the water body you are fishing and are included in your daily bag limit for that species.
- to possess live bait on waters where only the use of artificial lures is authorized.

## Seasons, Bag Limits, and Length Limits

- to fish for a species of fish during the closed season for that species (includes catch and release fishing).
- To possess a fish that is above a maximum length limit or below the minimum length limit established for the waters being fished
- to take, catch, kill, or fish for any variety of fish in excess of the daily bag limit.
- to group bag. For example, if an angler catches a limit of 25 panfish and gives them to another person, the person catching the fish has attained their daily bag limit and can no longer keep panfish that day. Any fish received are to be considered part of the recipients possession limit, but not part of their daily bag limit.
- to possess or fish for more than the daily bag limit of fish while you're fishing or while you're on the water, shore of the water, or on the ice.
- to possess more than twice the daily bag limit at any time, except on the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters where only one daily bag limit can be possessed. The possession limit for the Great Lakes and its tributaries having anadromous trout is twice the daily bag limit.
- to transport fish subject to a length limit, unless you leave the skin and scales intact (on the fish); the heads and tails can't be removed unless the dressed fish or fillets meet the minimum length limit.
- to sort fish. Any fish you take into possession which you do not release immediately is part of your daily bag limit even if it is released later.
- to fish in trout streams when the trout season is closed except that rough fish may be taken by hand.

## Restricted Fishing Areas

- to sponsor a fishing tournament without a permit from the DNR.
- to fish in fish refuges. Refuges are posted "No Fishing" with DNR or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service signs. See additional information on page 16.
- to fish using any method other than hook and line within 200 feet of a fishway, lock, or dam.
- to fish within 500 feet of any DNR net or weir when the area is posted by DNR.

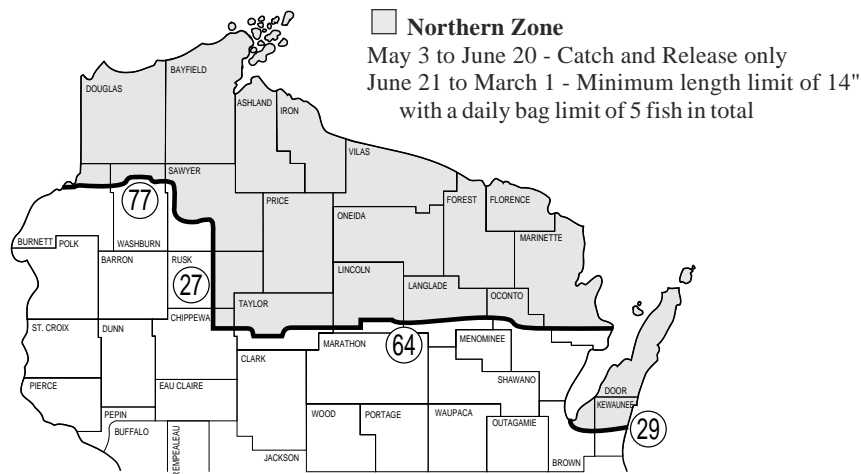
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- to deposit fish entrails into Wisconsin waters.
- to use or possess a box or container in which to hold live fish unless a legible tag bearing the owner or user's name and address is attached to the container. Containers and live boxes used by anglers while fishing are exempt from this requirement.
- to buy, sell, or trade any game fish. It is legal to sell rough fish (definition; page 12).
- to transport live rough fish (except goldfish, dace, and suckers) into or within the state without a permit from the DNR.
- **to withhold catch and fishing effort information when interviewed by authorized DNR creel clerks.**



## Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass Management Zones

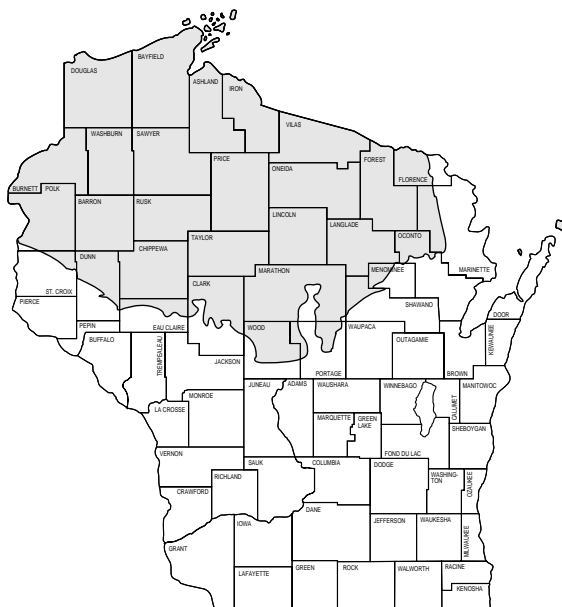
The following map identifies the boundary and regulation differences between the Northern and Southern Bass Management Zones. Check the **Special Regulations - Listed by County** for exceptions to the following statewide regulations. See tables on pages 55-59 for specific application of Northern and Southern Bass Management Zone rules for Lake Michigan, Green Bay, and their tributaries.



**Southern Zone**  
May 3 to March 1 - Minimum length limit of 14"  
with a daily bag limit of 5 fish in total.

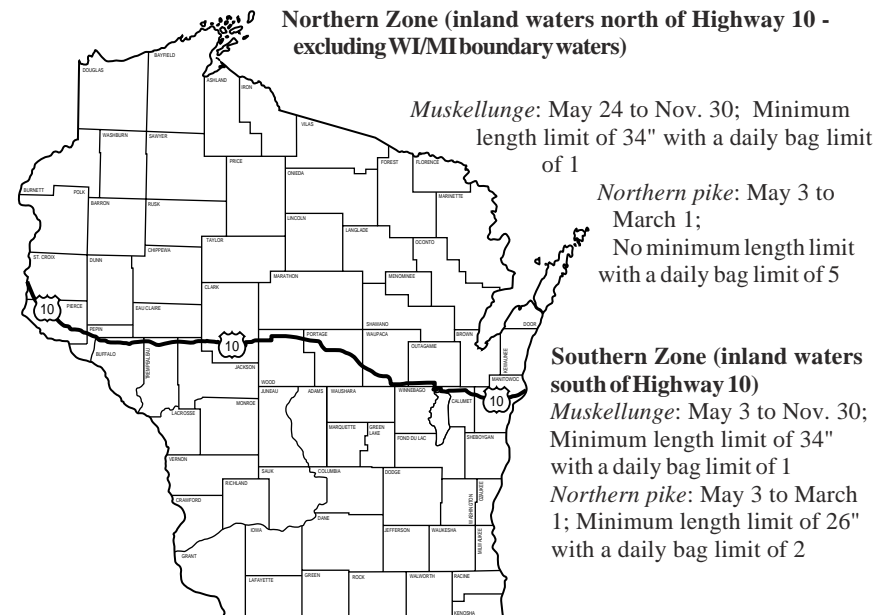
## Ceded Territory

The ceded territory encompasses 22,400 square miles of northern Wisconsin that was ceded to the United States by the Lake Superior Chippewa Tribes in 1837 and 1842. Some special fisheries regulations occur in the ceded territory as a result of Chippewa off-reservation treaty rights as mandated by Federal Court rulings. Some waters may have more restrictive bag or length limits. Check for public notices at access points.



## Muskellunge and Northern Pike Management Zones

US Highway 10 divides the state into a northern and southern management zone for muskellunge and northern pike. Check the **Special Regulations - Listed by County** for exceptions to the following statewide regulations:



## General Information

### Anglers' Club

The "Hooked on Wisconsin" Anglers' Club is a program that acknowledges resident and nonresident anglers for their outstanding sport fishing catches. Anglers may apply for membership in the Live Release, Kept Fish, or Mixed Bag categories. Write: Anglers' Club, FH/3, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921 for complete details.

### Artificial Lures

Some regulations restrict anglers to the use of artificial lures only. Just what is an artificial lure? An artificial lure means a spoon, spinner, plug, or other fish bait made of hair, feathers, cork, wood, rubber, metal, plastic, or other synthetic materials, or combinations of these materials. An artificial lure may not include natural or organic food stuffs like corn, marshmallows, dough, cheese, meat, living or dead organisms or parts thereof, except hair, feathers, cork, wood, and rubber.

### Boating Information

A wearable personal flotation device (life jacket) of the correct size for the intended wearer must be available for each person in a boat. Additional boating information is contained in Wisconsin Boating Regulations available from any WDNR office, or by calling (608) 266-2141. Information on boat registration can be obtained by calling (608) 266-2107.

## Camping

Camping on state-owned lands is strictly prohibited except within designated camping areas. Check with the local DNR office for specific camping regulations

## Catch and Release: It will grow on you!

Fish you wish to release, and fish less than the legal minimum length limit, should be handled carefully with wet hands and played as little as possible. When fish are deeply-hooked, cut the line as closely to the hook as possible and let the fish go. ATTENTION MUSKY ANGLERS! It is recommended that you use a quick set rig when fishing for muskies with live bait.

## Clamming

People who wish to gather more than 50 pounds of clams a day or buy or sell any clams taken from Wisconsin waters must be licensed and must comply with commercial clamming regulations. The National Park Service strictly prohibits the collection of live clams (or shell) from the St. Croix and Namekagon rivers. For additional clamming regulation information, call or write DNR's Bureau of Fisheries Management and Habitat Protection, FH/3, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707, (608) 267-7498.

## Crayfish

- A fishing or small game license is required to take crayfish.
- No person may possess live crayfish and angling equipment simultaneously on any inland water except the Mississippi River.
- No person may place, deposit, throw or otherwise introduce live crayfish or crabs into any water of the state unless a permit authorizing introduction has been issued.
- Crayfish traps placed in trout streams shall conform to the dimensions of minnow traps. See **Minnow Regulations** on page 13.

There are no bag or size limits on crayfish and no closed season except on the **Wisconsin/Minnesota boundary waters** where the open season is from May 1 to the following March 1, both dates inclusive.

Crayfish scoops may be used in the **Wisconsin/Minnesota boundary waters** provided the scoops do not exceed 4 feet in length, 3 feet in width and 18 inches in depth attached to a handle not to exceed 4 feet in length.

Crayfish may be taken in all waters by the following means only: By hand, by use of minnow seines and minnow dip nets, where the same are permitted for the taking of minnows, and by crayfish traps (other than in trout streams) with the entrance to the trap not to exceed 2-1/2 inches at the greatest diagonal measurement. Traps must bear the name and address of the owner and must be raised and emptied at least once each day following the day set.

Only parts of fish or fish by-products including fish meal or prepared parts of such fish may be used for bait.

Floats or markers used to locate traps may not exceed 5 inches in size and may not extend more than 4 inches above the water surface and be of a color other than orange or fluorescent coloration.

## Frogs and Turtles

A fishing or small game license is required to take frogs and turtles. Some species are protected and may not be harvested.

These regulations apply to native Wisconsin frog and turtle species, regardless of their origin.

**No non-resident harvest or possession is allowed, except for unprotected aquatic turtles.**

## License Requirements

All residents and non-residents who collect, attempt to collect, or possess native Wisconsin aquatic turtles must possess one of the following resident or non-resident licenses: Fishing, Small Game, Sports, Conservation Patron, Setline\*, or Set or Bank Pole\*. Existing Senior Citizen Recreational Cards also qualify. In addition to the licenses listed above, residents holding a Commercial Fishing License may harvest turtles on Mississippi River Boundary Waters. (\* These licenses are available only to residents).

## Seasons

**Frogs.** The open frog season runs from the Saturday nearest May 1 through December 31. There is no open season for bullfrogs, *Rana catesbeiana*, in Jefferson County.

**Turtles.** The open turtle season runs from July 15 through November 30. Turtles or turtle eggs may not be taken during the closed season.

## Possession Limits

Persons may collect or possess up to 5 individuals of each species with the following exceptions:

- The possession limit for snapping turtles and softshell turtles is 3 statewide. The one exception is the Mississippi River, where the possession limit is 10 for snapping turtles and 5 for softshell turtles.
- Licensed bait dealers and registered fish farmers may possess more than 5 specimens of any unprotected amphibian species which are collected or possessed as part of a bait collection or shipment.

It is illegal to sell native amphibians and reptiles, except:

- Eastern tiger salamanders, mudpuppies, and northern leopard frogs collected in state may be sold in state to education and research institutions\*.
- Native amphibians and reptiles collected outside the state may be sold out of state\*
- Legally harvested dead turtles and their parts may be sold during the open season

\*Note: A Class A Captive Wild Animal Farm License is required to sell under the above exceptions

## Size Limits

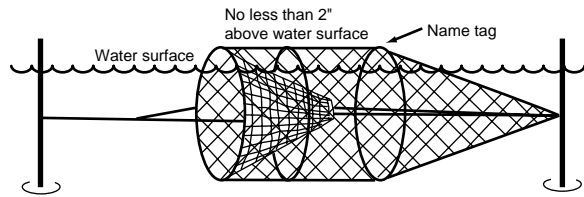
- Snapping turtle size limits are a 12-inch minimum and a 16-inch maximum carapace (top shell) length.
- There are no size limits for other turtles.

## Harvesting Methods

- It is unlawful to take frogs by firearms.
- Turtles may be taken by hand, dip net, hook and line, set line, set or bank poles, hooking, or hoop net trap (see allowed design). No other trap types are allowed.
- Turtles may not be taken by hook and line from trout streams during the closed trout season.
- The number of hoop traps that can be operated are 10 in Iowa-Wisconsin or Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters and 3 in all other waters of the state.

## Hoop Net Trap Specifications

Traps must be made of stretchable fabric (e.g., nylon) and must have a minimum mesh stretch of 6 inches.



No wire mesh is allowed. Each trap must have a metal tag showing the name and address of the operator attached, and must be visible above the water's surface. The operator identified on the trap tag is the only person authorized to tend these traps. Traps must be set with the hoops exposed a minimum of 2 inches above the water's surface. Turtle traps must be checked and the entrapped contents removed at least once each day after the day they are set in all waters.

## Game Fish, Rough Fish, and Minnows; Definitions

By Wisconsin law, game fish are defined as all varieties of fish except rough fish and minnows. Rough fish include dace, suckers, carp, goldfish, redhorse, freshwater drum, burbot, bowfin, gar, buffalo, lamprey, alewife, gizzard shad, smelt, mooneye, and carpsuckers. Minnows include suckers, mud minnow, madtoms, stonecat, killifish, stickleback, trout perch, darters, sculpins, and all other species in the minnow family (except goldfish and carp).

## Health Advisory for Eating Fish

Although fish are delicious and nutritious, some fish contain contaminants at levels that can pose health risks to people who eat fish frequently. To reduce people's exposure to these contaminants, the state issues advice to help you plan what fish to keep as well as how often and how much fish to eat. Please read the information below and consult the complete fish consumption advisory as a guide to eating fish low in contaminants. Fish consumption advice is provided for fish that contain mercury and for fish that contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and other compounds.

**Statewide mercury advisory:** Mercury is found in almost all waters throughout the state. Wisconsin's new statewide advice for most of Wisconsin's inland (non-Great Lakes) waters recommends that:

### Women of childbearing years, nursing mothers and all children under 15 may eat:

- One meal per week of bluegill, sunfish, black crappie, white crappie, yellow perch or bullheads **AND**
- One meal per month of walleye, northern pike, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, channel catfish, flathead catfish, white sucker, drum, burbot, sauger, sturgeon, carp, white bass and rock bass or other species\*

\*The exception is muskies, which should not be eaten by this group of people because of their high mercury content

### Men, and women beyond their childbearing years may eat:

- Unlimited amounts of bluegill, sunfish, black crappie, white crappie, yellow perch or bullheads **AND**
- One meal per week of northern pike, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, channel catfish, flathead catfish, walleye, or other species.

On certain waters, where data indicates higher mercury levels, more restrictive advice is needed. The state's fish consumption advisory booklet lists specific waters where more restrictive advice is warranted.

**PCB advisory:** PCBs are most often associated with industrialized river systems and the Great Lakes. Check the complete fish consumption advisory for specific recommendations on how many meals you can safely eat of fish species caught from waters contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), such as Lakes Michigan and Superior, some large rivers and other surface waters. PCBs are generally stored in the fat of fish, so you can reduce PCB levels in fish you eat by trimming away the fatty areas and properly cooking your fish. The complete advisory contains more information on cooking and cleaning your fish.

**For the complete fish consumption advisory:** You can download the complete fish consumption advisories directly from the website at: <http://www.fishingwisconsin.org>. For a printed copy, call or write your local DNR office or local health department for a free advisory. You can also call the Bureau of Fisheries Management and Habitat Protection at (608) 267-7498.

## Ice Fishing

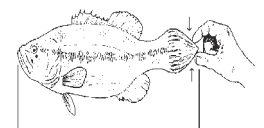
Fishing holes cut through the ice cannot measure more than 12 inches across. The doors of enclosed fishing shelters must be readily opened from the outside while occupied; they may be locked only while not in use. The shelter owner's name and address (in English) must be legibly painted or otherwise affixed on the outside of the fishing shelter with block lettering a minimum of one inch square and in contrasting colors. Fishing shelters that are removed after each fishing trip are exempt from this requirement. Fishing Shelters on Wisconsin boundary waters with Iowa, Michigan or Minnesota must display the name and address on all shelters at all times, even portable shelters that are occupied or in use.

After the date for removing shelters from the ice, you may continue to use a portable shelter, but you must remove it when it is not occupied. Shelters must be removed daily on the Fox River in Brown County from the DePere Dam downstream. All ice fishing shelters must be completely removed from:

- Lake Michigan, Green Bay, Lake Superior, and inland waters north of Highway 64 by March 15.
- Inland waters south of Highway 64 by March 5.
- Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters by March 15.
- Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters by March 1.
- Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters by February 20.

## Measuring Fish

Fish must be measured in a straight line from the tip of the snout with the mouth closed to the end of the compressed tail.



## Minnow Regulations

It is illegal for anyone to possess more than 600 minnows except licensed bait dealers and residents younger than 16 years. It is also illegal for nonresidents to sell minnows, crayfish, or frogs as bait. Residents more than 16 years old must have a bait dealer's license to sell minnows, crayfish, or frogs for bait. Residents under 16 years can possess no more than 5,000 of each species and can sell less than \$500 worth annually without a bait dealer's license. NO minnow species may be netted or trapped in Lake Superior and its tributaries. No minnow species may be trapped or netted in Lake Michigan or Green Bay, except suckers may be taken with dip nets only. No minnow species, except suckers, may be trapped or netted from the tributaries to Lake Michigan and Green Bay. Unless you have a permit from the DNR, you may not use minnow seines or

minnow dip nets of any type or description in inland trout streams or tributary spring ponds. During the open trout season, people who do not possess a bait dealer's license can't use more than three minnow traps to remove minnows from trout streams.

Bait minnows may be taken, where allowed, by the following methods only:

- Hook and line.
- With seines no more than 35 feet long with a mesh no larger than one-half inch stretch measure in inland waters. Fifty-foot lengths of seine may be used in Minnesota and Iowa boundary waters.
- With dip nets no more than eight feet in diameter or square.
- With traps no more than 24 inches long and 16 inches in diameter or square with a throat measuring one-and-a-half inches or less. All traps must bear their owner's name and address and be emptied at least once every 48 hours (once every 24 hours on trout streams). On Minnesota and Iowa boundary waters, minnows must be removed from traps at least once a day from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

## Motor Trolling

"Motor trolling" is trailing a lure, bait, or similar device used to attract or catch fish from a boat while being propelled (forwards or backwards) by a motor or a sail or while being towed by a boat being propelled by a motor or sail. Motor trolling is illegal except in some counties and waters as listed in the section titled **Special Regulations - Listed by County**, beginning on p. 17. Casting and immediate retrieval of a bait or lure while positioning a boat is not trolling. "Backtrolling" is only legal in waters where motor trolling is allowed. "Position fishing" is fishing from a boat where the fishing line extends vertically into the water while the boat is maneuvered (forwards or backwards) by a motor used to position the boat over underwater structure. Position fishing is allowed statewide in all waters.

## Native American Reservations

Native American reservations in Wisconsin are governed by a unique blend of federal, state, and tribal law. You should find out about current tribal policies for natural resources use at each tribal headquarters before entering a reservation to hunt or fish. Failure to do so may place you in conflict with the law and subject you to enforcement action.

## Panfish

The term "panfish" is defined as any of the following species: bluegill, pumpkinseed, black and white crappie, yellow perch, green sunfish, warmouth, and orangespotted sunfish.

## Public Access

Many public fishing piers and boarding docks are now wheelchair-accessible. To receive information regarding barrier-free public access sites on Wisconsin waters, contact your nearest DNR service center. Each service center has a copy of *Fishing and Boating, Access for Everyone*. Copies of individual location maps with descriptions of the amenities available at that site can be provided to you. This information may be especially useful for anglers with disabilities and others looking for good shorefishing opportunities.

## Record Fish

If you think you or someone else has caught a fish that may be a state record, here's what to do:

- don't clean or freeze the fish.
- keep the fish cool—preferably on ice.
- get the fish weighed as soon as possible on a certified scale (found in grocery, hardware stores, etc.) and witnessed by an observer.

- contact the nearest DNR office to get the fish species positively identified and to find out whether the fish is a state record.

For a complete list of Wisconsin's record fish, contact any DNR Service Center or write to or call: WDNR, Bureau of Fisheries Management and Habitat Protection, FH/3, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707, (608) 267-9426.

## Wisconsin's Hook and Line Record Fish

(For a complete list contact any DNR office)

| Species                 | Weight           | Date caught | Location caught                 |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Bass, Largemouth        | 11 lbs. 3 oz.    | 10/12/40    | Lake Ripley, Jefferson Co.      |
| Bass, Smallmouth        | 9 lbs. 1 oz.     | 6/21/50     | Indian Lake, Oneida Co.         |
| Bass, Rock              | 2 lbs. 15 oz.    | 6/2/90      | Shadow Lake, Waupaca Co.        |
| Bass, Hybrid Striped    | 13 lbs. 14.2 oz. | 03/16/02    | Lake Columbia, Columbia Co.     |
| Bass (White)            | 4 lbs. 6 oz.     | 9/24/77     | Okauchee Lake, Waukesha Co.     |
| Bluegill                | 2 lbs. 9.8 oz.   | 8/2/95      | Green Bay, Brown Co.            |
| Bigmouth Buffalo        | 54 lbs. 0oz.     | 06/10/88    | Burlingame Lake, Burnett Co.    |
| Bullhead, Black         | 5 lbs. 8 oz.     | 9/2/89      | Big Falls Flowage, Rusk Co.     |
| Bullhead, Brown         | 3 lbs. 12 oz.    | 7/31/72     | Nelson Lake, Sawyer Co.         |
| Bullhead, Yellow        | 3 lbs. 5 oz.     | 6/6/83      | Nelson Lake, Sawyer Co.         |
| Carp, Common            | 57 lbs. 2 oz.    | 8/28/66     | Lake Wisconsin, Columbia Co.    |
| Catfish, Channel        | 44 lbs. 0 oz.    | 1962        | Wisconsin River, Columbia Co.   |
| Catfish, Flathead       | 74 lbs. 5 oz.    | 3/30/01     | Mississippi River, Vernon Co.   |
| Crappie, Black          | 4 lbs. 8 oz.     | 8/12/67     | Gile Flowage, Iron Co.          |
| Crappie, White          | 3 lbs. 2 oz.     | 01/08/01    | Black River, Clark Co.          |
| Drum (Sheepshead)       | 35 lbs. 4 oz.    | 08/29/92    | Mississippi River, Crawford Co. |
| Muskellunge             | 69 lbs. 11 oz.   | 10/20/49    | Chippewa Flowage, Sawyer Co.    |
| Muskellunge, Tiger      | 51 lbs. 3 oz.    | 7/16/19     | Lake Vieux Desert, Vilas Co.    |
| Northern Pike           | 38 lbs. 0 oz.    | 8/6/52      | Lake Puckaway, Green Lake Co.   |
| Perch, Yellow           | 3 lbs. 4 oz.     | 1954        | Lake Winnebago, Winnebago Co.   |
| Pumpkinseed             | 1 lb. 1 oz.      | 6/17/97     | Schmidt Pond, Ozaukee Co.       |
| Salmon, Coho            | 26 lbs. 1.9 oz.  | 8/21/99     | Lake Michigan, Milwaukee Co.    |
| Salmon, Chinook         | 44 lbs. 15 oz.   | 7/19/94     | Lake Michigan, Door Co.         |
| Sauger                  | 5 lbs. 13 oz.    | 11/08/88    | Lake Wisconsin, Columbia Co.    |
| Sturgeon, Lake          | 170 lbs. 10 oz.  | 9/22/79     | Yellow Lake, Burnett Co.        |
| Sturgeon, Shovelnose    | 7 lbs. 5 oz.     | 9/7/98      | Mississippi River, Vernon Co.   |
| Sunfish, Green          | 1 lb. 9 oz.      | 8/23/67     | Wind Lake, Racine Co.           |
| Trout, Brook (inland)   | 9 lbs. 15 oz.    | 9/02/44     | Prairie River, Lincoln Co.      |
| Trout, Brook (outlying) | 10 lbs. 1 oz.    | 6/8/99      | Lake Michigan, Ozaukee Co.      |
| Trout, Brown (inland)   | 18 lbs. 6 oz.    | 5/07/84     | Lake Geneva, Walworth Co.       |
| Trout, Brown (outlying) | 35 lbs. 1.9 oz.  | 9/08/96     | Lake Michigan, Kewaunee Co.     |
| Trout, Lake (inland)    | 35 lbs. 4 oz.    | 6/01/57     | Green Lake, Green Lake Co.      |
| Trout, Lake (outlying)  | 47 lbs. 0 oz.    | 9/09/46     | Lake Superior, Bayfield Co.     |
| Trout (Rainbow)         | 27 lbs. 2 oz.    | 7/26/97     | Lake Michigan, Kewaunee Co.     |
| Walleye                 | 18 lbs. 0 oz.    | 9/16/33     | High Lake, Vilas Co.            |



## Refuges, Fish

Occasionally, fish need additional protection during critical times of their lives. Fish refuges are one of the tools a fisheries biologist uses to provide this protection. Refuges are generally created to protect spawning fish or the nursery areas of developing fish. All refuges are posted with No Fishing signs from the DNR or the US Fish and Wildlife Service. It is illegal to take, disturb, catch, capture, kill, or fish for fish in any manner in a posted refuge. Some refuges are operated year round, while others restrict angler access seasonally. Anglers should contact their local fisheries biologist for more detailed information on refuges in their immediate area.

## Residency, Establishing

You are eligible to obtain a resident license if:

- immediately before applying for a license, you have maintained your permanent residence and have lived in Wisconsin for a period of 30 days. Ownership of property and payment of property tax do not alone establish residency.
- you are on active military duty stationed in Wisconsin;
- you are a full-time undergraduate student in residence at a Wisconsin college or university offering a Bachelor's Degree; or,
- you are an alien residing in the state while attending a Wisconsin high school or agricultural short course at the University of Wisconsin.

## Rough Fish

Suckers, redbreast, carp, and other rough fish may be taken by hand or hook and line. However, it is illegal to fish by hook and line in a trout stream during the closed trout season. (See separate *2003-2004 Spearing and Netting Regulations*). You may return rough fish taken by hand or hook and line to the water. Rough fish taken by spear or bow and arrow may not be returned to the water. Please do not leave them on shore.

## Tagged Fish

DNR fisheries biologists attach tags to fish for research purposes. If you catch a tagged fish, please notify the nearest DNR office with the tag number, when and where the fish was caught, its length, and its weight. If you keep the fish, send in the tag; if you release it, leave the tag on the fish but be sure to record the tag number. Your help will make fishing in Wisconsin even better!

## Urban Fishing

Urban fishing waters are small lakes and ponds under 25 acres that are intensively and cooperatively managed with a municipality. They are posted with signs, have special regulations, and their shoreline is accessible to the public. Special regulations on designated urban waters in the Southeast Region are: a year-round season, no length limits, and a special season (March 8 thru April 25) for juveniles 15 years of age and younger and certain disabled anglers only. They also have a daily bag limit of three (3) trout, one (1) gamefish (largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, sauger, and northern pike), and ten (10) panfish (bluegill, crappie, pumpkinseed, yellow perch, and bullhead). The following urban waters in the counties in the SE Region are posted with the special regulations that apply: **Kenosha County:** Anderson Park, Bong Children's Pond, Poerio Park; **Milwaukee County:** Brown Deer Park, Dineen Park, Estabrook Park, Franklin High School, Greenfield Park, Holler Park, Humboldt Park, Jackson Park, Juneau Park, Kosciuszko Park, McCarty Park, McGovern Park, Miller Park, Mitchell Park, Oak Creek Parkway, Saveland Park, Shoetz Park, Scout Lake, Sheridan Park, Washington Park, Wilson Park; **Ozaukee County:** Harrington Beach Quarry, Mequon Rotary Park East and West, Puckett's Pond, Schowalter Park, Willow Brooke Park; **Racine County:** Gorney Park, Johnson Park,

Lockwood Park, Pritchard Park, Quarry Lake, Reservoir Park; **Sheboygan County:** Sheboygan Quarry, Memorial Park, River Park Lagoon; **Walworth County:** Ceylon Lagoon, Congdon Park, Millpond Park Pond **Washington County:** Boot Lake, Hartford Millpond, Homestead Hollow Park, Kewaskum Millpond, Sandy Knoll Park, Wells Lake; **Waukesha County:** Calhoun Park, Heyer Park North and South, Lepper Dam Millpond, Lions Park-Overland, Menomonee Park, Minooka Park, Muskego Park, Nixon Park, Regal Park, and Woodfield North and South

Current fish stocking and regulation information is available from February 15th through November 15th on the 24-hour Urban Waters Fishing Hotline at 414/263-8494 in the Milwaukee Metro Area or toll free at 1-888-FISH-LNE (1-888-347-4563).

## Warden Authority

Conservation wardens performing their duties may enter private land at any time. Wardens may also seize as evidence all fish taken or possessed in violation of the law, and any equipment used in connection with a violation.

## Special Regulations - Listed by County

Remember: These regulations apply in addition to the statewide general regulations! Trout regulations are covered in a separate booklet. *New regulation changes for 2003-2004 are italicized.* ☆ identifies a quality fishing opportunity.

### Great Lakes, Tributaries, and Boundary Waters—see pp. 48-61.

#### ADAMS

- **Mason Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- ☆ **Wisconsin River (including Castle Rock and Petenwell Flowages):** ⚡. Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" with a daily bag limit of 1. The minimum length limit on walleye and sauger is 15", but fish from 20" through 28" may not be kept and only one fish over 28" is allowed.

#### ASHLAND

Ashland County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information). Tributaries to Lake Superior have different regulations for walleye, sauger, and northern pike (see p. 60).

- **Clam Lake (Upper):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Day Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 28".
- ☆ **East Twin Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 28".
- **English Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- **Flambeau River (North Fork and tributaries up to the first dam or lake):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Gordon Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Kakagon River and Slough:** Motor trolling is permitted. After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 22" and the daily bag limit is 1. The daily bag limit on walleye and sauger is 5, the minimum length limit is 15", but only 1 may be over 20".

- ☆ **Lake Galilee:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40". The bag limit on panfish is 10 in total.
- **Lake Superior:** See the Lake Superior regulations on p. 60.
- ☆ **Lake Three:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- ☆ **Little Clam Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- ☆ **Mineral Lake:** The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3. After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- **Potter Lake:** The minimum length for muskellunge is 28".
- ☆ **Spider/Moquah Chain:** The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3. The minimum length for muskellunge is 28".
- ☆ **Spillerburg Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye. After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 28".
- **Zielke Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.

## BARRON

Barron County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information). Motor trolling is permitted county-wide. The county-wide minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".

- **Chetek Chain of Lakes (Prairie, Chetek, Pokegama, Mud, and Ten Mile Lakes):** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" and the daily bag limit is 2.
- **Loon Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye.
- **Staples Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" and the daily bag limit is 2.

## BAYFIELD

Bayfield County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information). Motor trolling is permitted county-wide. Tributaries to Lake Superior have special regulations for walleye, sauger, and northern pike. See the Lake Superior regulations on p. 60.

- **Bladder Lake:** The daily bag limit on panfish is 10 in total.
- ☆ **Bony Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Cable Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- ☆ **Crooked Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- ☆ **Diamond Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" and the daily bag limit is 1. There is a 15-inch minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 20" to 28" may not be kept and only one fish over 28" is allowed. The daily bag limit on walleye is 3.
- ☆ **Eau Claire Lake, Middle:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Eau Claire Lake, Upper:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Ellison Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" and the daily bag limit is 2.
- **Jackson Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.

- ☆ **Lund Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- **Muskellunge Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" and the daily bag limit is 2.
- ☆ **Namekagon Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 50".
- **Namekagon River and Flowages:** Lake sturgeon season is closed all year.
- ☆ **Pike Lake Chain (includes Buskey Bay, Millicent, Hart, Twin Bear, Eagle, Flynn, and McCarry):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Sand Bar Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" and the daily bag limit is 2.
- **Sawdust Lake:** The daily bag limit on panfish is 10 in total.
- **Tomahawk Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" and the daily bag limit is 2.
- **Totagatic River and Flowages:** Lake sturgeon season is closed all year.
- **Lake Superior:** See the Lake Superior regulations on p. 60.
- ☆ **Wiley Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1.

## BROWN

The daily bag limit on catfish is 25, county-wide.

- **Fox River:** ☛. Motor trolling is permitted. Upstream to the De Pere Dam is considered part of Lake Michigan. See the Lake Michigan regulations on p. 58. From the dam at De Pere upstream is inland water. There is no minimum length limit on walleye from the De Pere Dam upstream to the Neenah-Menasha Dam.
- **Green Bay:** See the Lake Michigan regulations on p. 58.
- **Tributary Streams to Green Bay:** See the tributary streams regulations on p. 55.

## BUFFALO

- **Chippewa River:** Motor trolling is permitted. Upstream from the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad Bridge, including streams flowing into the Chippewa River from their mouths up to the first road or railroad bridge, ☛. There is no minimum length limit on northern pike and the daily bag limit is 5.
- **Mississippi River:** Is part of the Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters: See p. 52 for those regulations.

## BURNETT

Burnett County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information). Motor trolling is permitted county-wide. The county-wide minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".

- **Dunham Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" and the daily bag limit is 2.
- **Johnson Lake (S23, T40N, R16W):** There is no minimum length limit on largemouth or smallmouth bass.
- **Namekagon River:** Lake sturgeon season is closed all year.

☛ = Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish.  
 ☆ identifies quality fishing opportunity

- **St. Croix River (including flowages):** Lake sturgeon season is closed all year. Where the St. Croix River forms the boundary between Wisconsin and Minnesota, boundary water regulations apply. See those regulations on p. 52.
- **Totagatic River:** Lake sturgeon season is closed all year.
- **Webb Lake:** Southern Bass Management Zone regulations apply. (See Page 8).

## CALUMET

The county-wide daily bag limit on catfish is 25, of which only two may be flathead catfish.

- **Lake Winnebago:** Motor trolling is permitted. Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested.

## CHIPPEWA

Chippewa County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information).

- **Chain Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Chippewa River (includes Lake Wissota, Old Abe, Chippewa Falls, and Cornell flowages and tributaries of the river from their mouths upstream to the first dam or lake):** Motor trolling is permitted, but only up to the first road, bridge or railroad bridge. There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40" from Holcombe flowage up to Co. Hwy D.
- ☆ **Dark Lake (T32N,R8W):** The minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1. There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed. The daily bag limit on panfish is 10 in total.
- ☆ **Holcombe Flowage and tributaries** of the flowage from their mouths upstream to the first dam or lake: There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40" on the flowage and the Chippewa River to Co. Hwy D, Main Creek to State Hwy 194, and the Jump River to Co. Hwy G. Motor trolling is permitted up to the flowing portion of the tributary streams.
- **Jump River:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40" up to Co. Hwy G in Rusk County.
- **Long Lake (T32N,R8W) including Herde Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted. There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed. The minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1. The daily bag limit on panfish is 10 in total.
- **Main Creek:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40" up to State Hwy 194 in Rusk County.
- ☆ **Yellow River and its tributaries (downstream from the Suetlik Dam at Cadott):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.

## CLARK

Clark County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information).

- ☆ **Lake Arbutus:** Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Black River (including East Fork):** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Mead Lake:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Rock Dam Lake:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".

## COLUMBIA

- **Baraboo River:** ☞.
- ☆ **Columbia Lake:** ☞. Motor trolling is permitted. The daily bag limit on catfish is 25. The minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1. The minimum length limit on hybrid striped bass, white bass, and yellow bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 3 in total.
- **Crawfish River (including impoundments and sloughs):** ☞.
- **Fox River (downstream from the west highway crossing of state highway 33 at Portage):** ☞.
- ☆ **Lazy Lake:** ☞. The minimum length limit on bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- **Long Lake:** ☞.
- ☆ **Park Lake:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Silver Lake:** The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Spring Lake:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Swan Lake:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Wisconsin River (including Lake Wisconsin, all impoundments and sloughs):** ☞. Motor trolling is permitted. The open season includes tributaries upstream to the first highway bridge. The daily bag limit for catfish is 25 except upstream from the dam at Wisconsin Dells, where the daily bag limit is 10. The season for catfish is open all year except from the Prairie du Sac Dam downstream to the railroad bridge at Sauk City where the open season is May 4 through November 30. From the Wisconsin Dells Dam upstream, the minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" and the daily bag limit is 1. Upstream from the Prairie du Sac Dam, the minimum length limit on walleye and sauger is 15", but fish from 20" through 28" may not be kept and only one fish over 28" is allowed. Below the Prairie du Sac Dam, the minimum length limit on walleye is 18" and on sauger or hybrids is 15" with a daily bag limit of 3 in total.

## CRAWFORD

- **Mississippi River:** Is part of the Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters. See regulations on p. 54.
- **Wisconsin River:** ☞. Motor trolling is permitted. The open season includes tributaries upstream to the first highway bridge. The daily bag limit on catfish is 25. The minimum length limit on walleye and sauger or hybrids is 18" and 15", respectively, and the daily bag limit is 3 in total.

## DANE

Motor trolling is permitted county-wide.

- **Busseyville(Koshkonong) Creek downstream from Co. Hwy. B:** ☞.
- ☆ **Fish Lake:** The minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.

☞ = Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish.  
 ☆ identifies quality fishing opportunity

- **Lake Koshkonong:** ☞.
- ☆ **Lake Mendota including Sixmile Creek (downstream from Hwy. 19 in Section 8), Pheasant Branch Creek (downstream from Hwy. M), Yahara River (downstream from Hwy. 19), Cherokee Lake, and Warner Park Lagoons:** The minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 40" with a daily bag limit of 1. The minimum length limit on walleye and sauger is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3.
- ☆ **Mud Lake (NW corner of Dane Co., west of Fish Lake; S3&4,T9N,R7E):** The minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- ☆ **Lake Wingra:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Wisconsin River:** ☞. The open season includes tributaries upstream to the first highway bridge. The daily bag limit for catfish is 25. The season for catfish is open all year except from the Prairie du Sac Dam downstream to the railroad bridge at Sauk City, where the open season for catfish is May 4 through November 30. The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" and on sauger or hybrids is 15" with a daily bag limit of 3 in total.

## DODGE

- **Beaver Dam Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3.
- **Beaver Dam River (downstream from the dam in the city of Beaver Dam):** ☞.
- **Crawfish River:** ☞.
- ☆ **Fox Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3. The minimum length limit on bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- **Lake Sinissippi:** Motor trolling is permitted. ☞.
- **Lost Lake:** ☞.
- **Rock River (excluding the waters within the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge):** ☞.
- **Rubicon River:** ☞.
- **Wildcat River:** ☞.

## DOOR

- **Clarks Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Kangaroo Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Lake Michigan, Green Bay and Sturgeon Bay—**See the Lake Michigan regulations on p. 58.
- **Tributaries to Lake Michigan and Green Bay:** See the tributary regulations on p. 55.

## DOUGLAS

Douglas County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information). Motor trolling is permitted county-wide. Tributaries to Lake Superior have special regulations for walleye, sauger, and northern pike. See the Lake Superior regulations on p. 60.

- ☆ **Allouez Bay:** Is part of the Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 52.
- ☆ **Bond Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- **Beauregard Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. The daily bag limit on walleye is 5.
- ☆ **Eau Claire Lake, Lower:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Kimballs Bay:** Is part of the Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 52.
- **Lake Superior (excluding Allouez Bay, Little Pokegema Bay, Pokegema Bay, and Kimballs Bay):** See the Lake Superior regulations on p. 60.

- ☆ **Little Pokegema Bay:** Is part of the Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 52.
- **Lyman Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye.
- **Minnesuing Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye.
- ☆ **Nemadji River:** The muskellunge season is open from May 24 through March 1, and there is a minimum length limit of 40". The northern pike season is from May 10 through March 1, and there is a daily bag limit of 2. Lake sturgeon season is closed all year. Walleye and sauger season is open May 10 through March 1 with a daily bag limit of 2.
- ☆ **Pokegema Bay:** Is part of the Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 52.
- **St. Croix River and Flowages:** Lake sturgeon season is closed all year.
- **St. Louis Bay:** Is part of the Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 52.
- **St. Louis River:** Is part of the Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 52.
- **Superior Bay:** Is part of the Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 52.
- **Totagatic River and Flowages:** Lake sturgeon season is closed all year.

## DUNN

Dunn County is partially in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information).

- **Chippewa River including** streams flowing into the Chippewa River from their mouths up to the first road or railroad bridge, ☞. Motor trolling is permitted
- **Dunnville Bottoms:** ☞.
- **Eau Galle River (downstream from L. Eau Galle):** ☞.
- **Lake Menomin:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Red Cedar River (from the Chippewa River to Lake Menomin):** ☞.
- **Tainter Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.

## EAU CLAIRE

Eau Claire County is partially in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information).

- **Altoona Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Chippewa River (includes Dells Pond and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake):** Motor trolling is permitted (including tributaries, but only up to the first road or railroad bridge). There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- **Chippewa River (below Dells Pond dam, and all tributaries of the river from their mouths upstream to the first road, bridge or railroad bridge):** ☞. Motor trolling is permitted (including tributaries up to the first road, bridge or railroad bridge). The minimum length limit on walleye and sauger is 15".
- **Eau Claire Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Eau Claire River (from the Altoona Dam downstream):** ☞.

☞ = Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish.  
 ☆ identifies quality fishing opportunity



## FLORENCE

Florence County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information).

- **Brule River (and its flowages):** Is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on either p. 50 or consult the 2003-2004 Trout Fishing Regulations and Guide.
- **Halsey Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Menominee River (and its flowages):** Is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 50.
- **Patten Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.

## FOND DU LAC

The county-wide daily bag limit on catfish is 25, of which only two may be flathead catfish.

- **Fond du Lac River (within the Fond du Lac city limits):** Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested.
- **Forest Lake:** Catch and release only for largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, and northern pike.
- **Lake Winnebago:** Motor trolling is permitted. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested. Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish.
- **Mullet Lake:** ☞. There is no minimum length limit on walleye.
- **Rock River:** ☞.

## FOREST

Forest County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information).

- **Brule River:** Is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on either p. 50 or consult the 2003-2004 Trout Fishing Regulations and Guide.
- ☆ **Butternut Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted. There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- ☆ **Crane Lake:** The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3. After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- ☆ **Franklin Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted. There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- ☆ **Julia Lake (S12, T38N, R11E):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Lake Lucerne:** Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3.
- **Lake Metonga:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- ☆ **Luna Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1.

- ☆ **McKinley Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- ☆ **Pickrel Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3. After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- **Pine Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- ☆ **Riley Lake:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Roberts Lake:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Stevens Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" and the daily bag limit is 2.
- ☆ **Three Johns Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- ☆ **Trump Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- ☆ **White Deer Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- ☆ **Windfall Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- ☆ **Wabikon Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".

## GRANT

Motor trolling is permitted county-wide.

- **Mississippi River:** Is part of the Wisconsin-Iowa Boundary Water. See the regulations on p. 54.
- **Wisconsin River:** ☞. The open season includes tributaries upstream to the first highway bridge. Catfish have a daily bag limit of 25. The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" and on sauger or hybrids is 15" with a daily bag limit of 3 in total.

## GREEN

- **Pecatonica River:** ☞.

## GREEN LAKE

The county-wide daily bag limit on catfish is 25, of which only two may be flathead catfish.

- ☆ **Big Green Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted. It is illegal to fish through the ice using minnows (dead or alive or as cut bait) in water 50 or more feet deep (measured from surface to bottom). The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Fox River (below the first dam upstream from Princeton):** Motor trolling is permitted. Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested. Lake sturgeon season is closed all year.
- **Fox River (above the first dam upstream from Princeton):** ☞. Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Lake Maria:** ☞. Motor trolling is permitted.

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 ☆ identifies quality fishing opportunity

- ☆ **Lake Puckaway:** ☙. Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- **Puckyan River:** ☙. There is no minimum length limit on walleye.

## IOWA

Motor trolling is permitted county-wide.

- ☆ **Blackhawk Lake:** The minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and their hybrids is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3.
- ☆ **Cox Hollow Lake:** The minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and their hybrids is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3. The daily bag limit on panfish is 10 in total.
- ☆ **Twin Valley Lake:** The minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and their hybrids is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3. The minimum length limit on muskellunge and northern pike is 40" with a daily bag limit of 1 each. Catch and release only for largemouth and smallmouth bass. There is no daily bag limit on panfish.
- **Pecatonica River (East Branch-downstream from the bridge at STH 39 — 1/2 mile east of Hollandale):** ☙.
- **Wisconsin River:** ☙. The open season includes tributaries upstream to the first highway bridge. Catfish have a daily bag limit of 25 fish. The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" and on sauger or hybrids is 15" with a daily bag limit of 3 in total.

## IRON

Iron County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information). Unless posted otherwise, the minimum length limit on walleye is 15" and the daily bag limit is 3 on all waters of the Lac du Flambeau reservation not listed below. Please check for notices at access points. In all other waters, unless posted, statewide walleye regulations (i.e., 15" minimum length, 5 bag) apply. Tributaries to Lake Superior have special regulations for walleye, sauger, and northern pike. See the Lake Superior regulations on p. 60.

- **Bear River:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye.
- **Bearskull Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. The daily bag limit on panfish is 10 in total.
- **Boot Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- ☆ **Catherine Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Cedar Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Echo Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Evelyn Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- ☆ **Fisher Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Flambeau River (North Fork):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Gile Flowage:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15" with a daily bag limit of 2. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Grand Portage:** The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3.
- **Island Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. The daily bag limit on panfish is 10 in total.

- **Lake Six:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" and the daily bag limit is 2.
- **Lake Superior:** See the Lake Superior regulations on p. 60.
- **Little Oxbow Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Long Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **McDermott Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- **Manitowish River:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye.
- ☆ **Mercer Lake:** The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Montreal River (upstream to where it no longer forms the border between Wisconsin and Michigan):** Is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 50.
- **Montreal River (West Branch):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Moose Lake:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **O'Brian Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- ☆ **One Man Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- **Owl Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 28".
- **Oxbow Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Pine Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40". The daily bag limit on panfish is 10 in total.
- **Randall Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Sandy Beach Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Sherman Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Spider Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. The daily bag limit on panfish is 10 in total.
- ☆ **Springstead (Upper and Lower) Lakes:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Trude Lake:** The minimum length limit for muskellunge is 40". There is no minimum length limit on walleye. There is a total combined bag limit of 10 for bluegill, crappie, pumpkinseed, and yellow perch. The minimum length limit on crappie is 10".
- ☆ **Turtle/Flambeau Flowage:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40". After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15" with a daily bag limit of 2. There is a total combined bag limit of 10 for bluegill, crappie, pumpkinseed, and yellow perch. The minimum length limit on crappie is 10".

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- **Turtle River (upstream of Echo Lake):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Wilson Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye. After June 20, largemouth bass have no minimum length limit, but largemouth bass from 12" through 16" may not be kept. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".

## JACKSON

- ☆ **Lake Arbutus:** Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Arbutus Canal:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Black River (including east fork):** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Black River Flowage:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Morrison Creek:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Potter Flowage:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Lake Wazee:** The daily bag limit on bass and walleye is 2 and the daily bag limit on panfish (bluegill, crappie, pumpkinseed, and yellow perch) is 10 in total.

## JEFFERSON

- **Bark River (from the dam at Hebron downstream):** ☞.
- **Bean Lake:** ☞.
- **Busseyville (Koshkonong) Creek downstream from Co. Hwy. B:** ☞.
- **Crawfish River:** ☞.
- **Goose Lake:** ☞.
- **Hahns Lake:** ☞.
- **Lake Koshkonong:** ☞. Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Mud Lake (at Koshkonong):** ☞.
- **Red Cedar Lake:** ☞.
- **Rock Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Rock River:** ☞.
- **Scuppernong River (downstream from the dam at Palmyra):** ☞.
- **Waterloo Creek (downstream from the Malthouse Dam):** ☞.

## JUNEAU

- **Kilburn Flowage:** ☞. Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Lemonweir River** (including all impoundments and sloughs): ☞. The minimum length limit on walleye and sauger is 15", but fish from 20" through 28" may not be kept and only one fish over 28" is allowed.
- ☆ **Wisconsin River (including all impoundments and sloughs) :** ☞. Motor trolling is permitted, except on that portion of the Castle Rock Flowage north of the Co. Hwy. G bridge. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" with a daily bag limit of 1. The minimum length limit on walleye and sauger is 15", but fish from 20" through 28" may not be kept and only one fish over 28" is allowed.
- **Yellow River (including all impoundments and sloughs):** ☞. The minimum length limit on walleye and sauger is 15", but fish from 20" through 28" may not be kept and only one fish over 28" is allowed.

## KENOSHA

Certain waters in Kenosha Co. are designated as urban (or special) waters and have different regulations (see p. 16).

- **Elizabeth Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Fox River:** ☞.
- **Lake Michigan:** See the Lake Michigan regulations on p. 58.

- **Tributaries to Lake Michigan:** See the tributary regulations on p. 55.
- ☆ **Silver Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" with a daily bag limit of 1. The minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- **Vern Wolf Lake:** *The minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1. The daily bag limit on panfish is 10 in total.*

## KEWAUNEE

- **Lake Michigan:** See the regulations on p. 58.
- **Tributaries to Green Bay and Lake Michigan:** See the tributary regulations on p. 55.

## LA CROSSE

- **La Crosse River (downstream from the Lake Neshonoc dam):** ☞.
- **Mississippi River:** Is part of the Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 52.
- **Neshonoc Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.

## LAFAYETTE

Motor trolling is permitted county-wide.

- **Pecatonica River (entire East Branch and the West Branch from the US Hwy 151 bridge downstream, and from the junction of the East and West branches downstream):** ☞.
- **Yellowstone River (downstream from the Yellowstone Lake Dam):** ☞.
- **Yellowstone River (upstream from Co. Hwy F):** Largemouth and smallmouth bass cannot be harvested (catch and release only).
- ☆ **Yellowstone Lake (including the Yellowstone River from the lake upstream to Co. Hwy F):** Catch and release only on northern pike, muskellunge, and their hybrids, and gar and bowfin. Walleye, sauger, their hybrids, largemouth and smallmouth bass, and channel and flathead catfish between 12" and 15" may be kept with a daily aggregate bag limit of 2 fish in total.

## LANGLADE

Langlade County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information).

- **Enterprise Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Greater Bass Lake:** *After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth or smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1.*
- **Horseshoe Lake (S17, T33N, R10E):** There is no minimum length limit on largemouth or smallmouth bass.
- **Little Partridge Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on largemouth or smallmouth bass.
- **Jesse Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **McGee Lake:** There is an artificial lure only season on largemouth and smallmouth bass from May 4 to September 30 where there is no minimum length limit and the daily bag limit is 5 in total.

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- **Partridge Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on largemouth or smallmouth bass.
- ☆ **Pickrel Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3. After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- **Post Lake (Lower and Upper):** Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" with a daily bag limit of 2.
- ☆ **Rolling Stone Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3.
- **Rose Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Sawyer Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. After June 20, largemouth bass have no minimum length limit but largemouth from 12" through 16" may not be kept.

## LINCOLN

Lincoln County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information).

- ☆ **Bridge Lake:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Deer Lake:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Nokomis Lake:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Pesabic Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Rice River Flowage:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Spirit River Flowage:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- ☆ **Wisconsin River:** ☞. Motor trolling is permitted from Co. Hwy. A downstream, excluding Lake Mohawksin. From the Merrill Hydro Dam (Lincoln County) downstream to Wausau Hydro Dam (Marathon County), the minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40". Downstream from Grandfather Dam, the minimum length limit on walleye and sauger is 15", but fish from 20" through 28" may not be kept and only one fish over 28" is allowed.

## MANITOWOC

- **Lake Michigan:** See the Lake Michigan regulations on p. 58.
- **Manitowoc River:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" and the daily bag limit is 2.
- **Tributaries to Lake Michigan:** See the tributary regulations on p. 55.

## MARATHON

Marathon County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information).

- ☆ **Big Eau Pleine Reservoir (upstream to the 153 bridge):** Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- **Pike Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" with a daily bag limit of 2.
- ☆ **Wisconsin River (including all impoundments and sloughs):** ☞. Motor trolling is permitted. From the Wausau Hydro Dam (Marathon County) upstream to the Merrill Hydro Dam (Lincoln County), the minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40". The minimum length limit on walleye and sauger is 15", but fish from 20" through 28" may not be kept and only one fish over 28" is allowed.

## MARINETTE

Marinette County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information).

- **Green Bay:** Is part of Lake Michigan—See the regulations on p. 58.
- **Tributaries to Green Bay:** See the tributary regulations on p. 55.
- **High Falls Reservoir:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Menominee River (and its flowages):** is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 50.
- **Noquebay Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Peshtigo Flowage (Peshtigo Dam to the Potato Rapids Dam):** Northern Bass Zone regulations apply (see p. 8). The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" and the daily bag limit is 2.

## MARQUETTE

The county-wide daily bag limit on catfish is 25, of which only two may be flathead catfish.

- **Buffalo Lake:** ☞. Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Fox River (downstream from Buffalo Lake):** ☞. Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Grand River (from the Grand River wildlife area dam downstream to the Fox River):** ☞.
- **Mason Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Wood Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on largemouth bass.

## MENOMINEE

Menominee County is an Native American reservation. Find out about tribal policies at tribal headquarters. State laws apply to non-Native Americans fishing on the Menominee Reservation. All waters are closed to hook and line sturgeon fishing.

## MILWAUKEE

Certain waters in Milwaukee County are designated as urban (or special) waters and have different regulations (see p. 16).

- **Lake Michigan:** See the Lake Michigan regulations on p. 58.
- **Tributaries to Lake Michigan:** See the tributary regulations on p. 55.

## MONROE

- **East Fork Lemonweir River (upstream to the Hwy 173 bridge):** ☞. Walleye 20" through 28" may not be kept and only one fish over 28" is allowed.
- **Fort McCoy Reservation:** A fishing permit in addition to a Wisconsin fishing license or trout stamp privilege is required to fish reservation lands. Permits may be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Directorate of Training and Mobilization, AFRC-FM-TMR-RB (permit sales), 110 East Headquarters Rd, Fort McCoy, WI 54656-5162, (608/388-3337). Applications may also be obtained from [www.mccoy.army.mil](http://www.mccoy.army.mil). Applications are available the end of February.
- **Lemonweir River (including all sloughs and impoundments):** The minimum length limit on walleye is 15", but fish 20" through 28" may not be kept and only one fish over 28" is allowed.

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- **South Fork Lemonweir River (upstream to the Tomah Dam):** 🐟. The minimum length limit on walleye and sauger is 15", but fish 20" through 28" may not be kept and only one fish over 28" is allowed.

## OCONTO

Oconto County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information).

- ☆ **Archibald Lake:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Anderson Lake:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Bear Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" and the daily bag limit is 2.
- **Christie Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Green Bay:** Is part of Lake Michigan. See the regulations on p. 58.
- **John Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" and the daily bag limit is 2.
- **Tributaries to Green Bay:** See the tributary regulations on p. 55.
- **Machickanee Flowage (Stiles Pond):** Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Munger Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" and the daily bag limit is 2.
- **White Potato Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.

## ONEIDA

Oneida County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information).

- **Alva Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Bearskin Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- ☆ **Bridge Lake:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Buckskin Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Buffalo Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Clear Lake (S16, T39N, R7E):** *The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 50".*
- **Columbus Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- ☆ **Crescent Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- **Diamond Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **George Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Hasbrook Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Horsehead (East) Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Katherine Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Julia Lake (S12, T38N, R11E):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Little Bass Lake (S15, T39N, R7E):** Only artificial flies and lures may be used.

- **Lost Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Manson Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Maple Lake:** The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" and the daily bag limit is 3.
- **Mercer Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Moen Chain (includes Moen, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth Lakes, and connecting waters):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Muskellunge Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Nokomis Lake (upstream to Prairie Rapids Road):** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Oneida Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1. There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Pelican Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1. There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Pine Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Rainbow Flowage:** Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Rice River Flowage:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Sevenmile Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Shishebogama Lake:** Unless posted otherwise, the minimum length limit on walleye is 18" and the daily bag limit is 3.
- **Soo Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Squash Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Squirrel Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Stella Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1. The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Sugar Camp Chain (includes Dam, Sand, Echo, Chain, Stone Lakes, and connecting waters):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Sugar Camp Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Three Lakes Chain and connecting waters (includes Big, Big Fork, Big Stone, Crystal, Deer, Dog, Fourmile, Island, Laurel, Little Fork, Long, Medicine, Moccasin, Planting Ground, Rangeline, Round, Spirit, Townline, Virgin (S11, T38N, R11E), and Whitefish Lakes):** Walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept. There is a daily bag limit of 3 walleye with only one fish over 18" allowed.
- ☆ **Thunder Lake (T38N, R10E):** Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3.

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 ☆ identifies quality fishing opportunity

☆ **Two Sisters Lake:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".

- **Virgin Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Wisconsin River downstream from the Rhinelander Paper Company Dam in Rhinelander (including all impoundments and sloughs):** ☞.
- **Willow Flowage:** Motor trolling is permitted.

## OUTAGAMIE

The county-wide daily bag limit on catfish is 25, of which only two may be flathead catfish.

- **Embarrass River:** Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" with a daily bag limit of 2.
- **Fox River:** ☞. Motor trolling is permitted. There is no minimum length limit on walleye or sauger from the De Pere Dam upstream to the Neenah-Menasha Dam.
- **Shiok River:** Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" with a daily bag limit of 2.
- **Wolf River:** Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" with a daily bag limit of 2. Lake sturgeon season is closed all year.

## OZAUKEE

Certain waters in Ozaukee County are designated as urban (or special) waters and have different regulations (see p. 16).

- **Lake Michigan:** See the Lake Michigan regulations on p. 58.
- **Tributaries to Lake Michigan:** See the tributary regulations on p. 55.

## PEPIN

- **Chippewa River:** Motor trolling is permitted (including tributaries up to the first road or railroad bridge). Streams flowing into the Chippewa River from their mouths up to the first road or railroad bridge, ☞. There is no minimum length limit on northern pike and the daily bag limit is 5.
- **Eau Galle River:** ☞.
- **Lake Pepin:** is part of the Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 52.
- **Mississippi River:** is part of the Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 52.

## PIERCE

- **Mississippi River (Including Lake Pepin):** From its confluence with the St. Croix River downstream, is part of the Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 52.
- **St. Croix River:** is part of the Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 52.

## POLK

Polk County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information). Motor trolling is permitted county-wide. The county-wide minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".

- **Balsam Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" and the daily bag limit is 2. There is no minimum length limit on largemouth or smallmouth bass, but only 1 fish less than 14" is allowed.
- **Big Round Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on largemouth or smallmouth bass, but only 1 fish less than 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Largon Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- **Long Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" and the daily bag limit is 2.
- **Loveless Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" and the daily bag limit is 2.
- **St. Croix River:** is part of the Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 52.

## PORTAGE

County-wide (except the Wisconsin River including all impoundments and sloughs, and Little Eau Pleine Flowage) length limit on northern pike is 26" with a daily bag limit of 2.

- **Bass Lake:** ☞.
- ☆ **Jacqueline Lake:** The minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- **Little Eau Pleine Flowage:** Motor trolling is permitted east of Co. Hwy. O. There is no minimum length limit on northern pike and the daily bag limit is 5.
- **Mill Creek:** ☞.
- **Pleasant Lake:** ☞.
- ☆ **Wisconsin River (including all impoundments and sloughs):** ☞. Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on walleye and sauger is 15", but fish from 20" through 28" may not be kept and only one fish over 28" is allowed. There is no minimum length limit on northern pike and the daily bag limit is 5 on Lake DuBay. Downstream from the Lake DuBay Dam, the minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" with a daily bag limit of 1. From the Stevens Point Flowage Dam to the AlTech Park spillway, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.

## PRICE

Price County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information).

- ☆ **Bass Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- **Bass Lake (West of Park Falls):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye.
- **Butternut Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye.
- ☆ **Cochram Lake:** After June 20, there is no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass.
- **Flambeau River (North and South Fork, including flowages):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.

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- **Jump River (and tributaries to first dam or lake):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- **Long Lake (Boyd's):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye.
- **Musser Flowage:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye.
- **Newman Lake:** The daily bag limit on panfish is 10 in total.
- **North Spirit Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- **Phillips Chain (Includes Lac Sault Dore, the Elk River from Lac Sault Dore upstream to Musser Dam, Long Lake, Wilson Lake, Elk Lake, and Duroy Lake):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye.
- **Pike Lake Chain (includes Pike, Round, Turner, and Amik Lakes):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye.
- **Pike and Round Lakes:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- ☆ **Sailor Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- **Solberg Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye.
- **Spirit Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- **Thompson Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- **Whitcomb Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- ☆ **Wilson Flowage:** (This flowage is Northeast of Phillips in the Chequamegon National Forest. Don't confuse it with the Wilson Flowage west of Phillips.) The minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" with a daily bag limit of 1.

## RACINE

Motor trolling is permitted, county wide. Certain waters in Racine County are designated as urban (or special) waters and have different regulations (see p. 16).

- ☆ **Browns Lake:** The minimum length limit on largemouth bass is 16".
- ☆ **Eagle Lake:** The minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1. The daily bag limit on panfish is 15 in total.
- **Fox River (downstream from the dam at Waterford):** 🐟.
- **Lake Michigan:** See the Lake Michigan regulations on p. 58.
- **Tributaries to Lake Michigan:** See the tributary regulations on p. 55.
- **Rockland Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on largemouth bass, but bass from 12" through 16" may not be kept.
- **White River (downstream from the Burlington Dam):** 🐟.

## RICHLAND

Motor trolling is permitted county-wide.

- ☆ **Lee Lake:** The minimum length limit on walleye, sauger, and their hybrids is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3.
- **Wisconsin River:** 🐟. The open season includes tributaries upstream to the first highway bridge. The daily bag limit on catfish is 25. The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" and on sauger or hybrids is 15" with a daily bag limit of 3 in total.

## ROCK

- **Lake Koshkonong:** 🐟. Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Rock River:** 🐟.

## RUSK

Rusk County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information). Motor trolling is permitted county-wide.

- **Chippewa River (and tributaries to the first dam or lake):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed. From Co. Hwy D downstream, the minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Dairyland Flowage (upstream to Big Falls Dam):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Flambeau River (upstream to Thornapple Flowage):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- **Flambeau River and impoundments upstream from Thornapple Flowage Dam; South Fork and tributaries to the first dam or lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Holcombe Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Jump River (and tributaries to the first dam or lake):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed. From Co. Hwy. G downstream, the minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Main Creek:** From State Hwy. 194 downstream, the minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Murphy Flowage:** The minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18". The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" and the daily bag limit is 2. The daily bag limit on panfish is 10 in total.
- ☆ **Sand Lake:** The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3.
- ☆ **Potato Lake:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".

## SAUK

- **Baraboo River:** 🐟.
- ☆ **Devils Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- ☆ **Lake Redstone:** Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Wisconsin River (including Lake Wisconsin, all impoundments and sloughs):** 🐟. Motor trolling is permitted. The open season includes tributaries upstream to the first highway bridge. The daily bag limit for catfish is 25 except upstream from the dam at Wisconsin Dells, where the daily bag limit is 10. The season for catfish is open all year except from the Prairie du Sac Dam downstream to the railroad bridge at Sauk City where the open season is May 4 through November 30. From the Wisconsin Dells Dam upstream, the minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" with a daily bag limit of 1. Upstream from the Prairie du Sac Dam, there is a 15" minimum length limit on walleye and sauger, but fish from 20" through 28" may not be kept and only one fish over 28" is allowed. Downstream of the Prairie du Sac Dam, the minimum length limit on walleye is 18" and on sauger or hybrids is 15" with a daily bag limit of 3 in total.

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## SAWYER

Sawyer County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information).

- **Birch Lake:** The daily bag limit of panfish is 25, of which only 10 can be bluegill.
- ☆ **Black Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 28".
- **Black Dan Lake:** *The minimum length limit on walleye is 28" with a daily bag limit of 1.*
- **Big Chetac Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted. The daily bag limit of panfish is 25, of which only 10 can be bluegill.
- ☆ **Brunet River (from State Highway 70 bridge downstream to the Chippewa River, including Lake Winter):** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40". *From the Lake Loretta Dam downstream and including Lake Winter, there is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.*
- **Chief River, North Fork (downstream to Mud Lake):** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 28".
- **Chippewa Flowage:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye. From May 4 to November 30 the daily bag limit for panfish is 25 in total of which no more than 15 can be crappie. A winter fishery exists (panfish only) from December 1 to March 1 with a daily bag limit of 15 panfish in total with the harvest of crappie strictly prohibited. *The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 45".*
- ☆ **Chippewa River:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye from the Arpin Dam upstream to Hwy B on the East Fork of the Chippewa River and upstream to the west boundary of S33, T42N, R5W on the West Fork of the Chippewa River including Radisson Flowage and Moose Lake. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40" from the Winter Dam downstream to and including the Radisson Flowage.
- **Chippewa River downstream from Radisson Flowage (includes tributaries to the first dam or lake):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- **Christner Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1. The daily bag limit on panfish is 10 in total.
- **Clear Lake:** *The minimum length limit on walleye is 28" with a daily bag limit of 1.*
- **Flambeau River (North and South Fork and tributaries to the first dam or lake):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Grindstone Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 50". There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- **Island Lake (S2, R39N, R5W):** *The minimum length limit on walleye is 28" with a daily bag limit of 1.*
- ☆ **Lac Courte Oreilles:** Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 50".
- **Moose Lake:** The daily bag limit on panfish is 10 in total. *The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".*
- **Mud/Callahan lakes (T41N, R7W):** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 28".
- **Namekagon River (and flowages):** Lake sturgeon season is closed all year.
- **Nelson Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted. The daily bag limit on panfish is 10 in total.
- ☆ **Radisson Flowage:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Round Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- ☆ **Sand Lake:** The minimum length limit on walleye is 28" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- **Sissabagama Lake:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40". There is no minimum length limit on walleye. *The daily bag limit on panfish is 10 in total.*

- **Teal River (From the Chippewa River upstream, including Lost Land Lake, the Teal River Flowage, and Teal Lake):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye.
- **Tiger Cat Chain (T41N, R7W):** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 28".
- **Totagatic River (and flowages):** Lake sturgeon season is closed all year.
- **Whitefish Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Windigo Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted. There is no minimum length limit on walleye.
- ☆ **Winter Lake:** *The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40". There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.*

## SHAWANO

The county-wide daily bag limit on catfish is 25, of which only 2 may be flathead catfish.

- ☆ **Cloverleaf lakes (includes Pine, Grass, and Round lakes):** The minimum length limit for muskellunge is 40".
- **Embarrass River (downstream from the Pella Dam):** Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" with a daily bag limit of 2. Lake sturgeon season is closed all year.
- **Pella Pond:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" and the daily bag limit is 2.
- ☆ **Red Lake (Upper and Lower):** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Shawano Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- ☆ **Washington Lake:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Wolf River (downstream from the Shawano Paper Mill dam):** Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" with a daily bag limit of 2. Lake sturgeon season is closed all year.
- ☆ **Wolf River Pond (Upstream of the Shawano Paper Mill Dam to the Wisconsin Power and Light (Balsam Row) Dam and the Shawano Lake outlet upstream to the Shawano County Highway HHH bridge):** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".

## SHEBOYGAN

Certain waters in Sheboygan County are designated as urban (or special) waters and have different regulations (see p. 16).

- **Lake Michigan:** See the Lake Michigan regulations on p. 58.
- **Tributaries to Lake Michigan:** See the tributary regulations on p. 55.
- **Sheboygan Marsh** (including Sheboygan Lake and its tributaries upstream to the first road crossing): ➡. Motor trolling is permitted. There is no minimum length limit on northern pike and the daily bag limit is 5.

➡ = Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish.  
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## ST. CROIX

St. Croix County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information). The county-wide minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".

- **Cedar Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- **St. Croix River (including Lake St. Croix):** is part of the Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 52.

## TAYLOR

Taylor County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information). Motor trolling is permitted countywide.

- **Diamond Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- **Harper Lakes (North and South):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- **Jump River (and tributaries to the first dam or lake):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- **Rib Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- **Sackett Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- **Spirit and North Spirit lakes:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.

## TREMPEALEAU

- **Mississippi River:** Is part of the Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 52.

## VERNON

- ☆ **Jersey Valley Lake:** The minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- **Mississippi River:** Contains both Wisconsin-Minnesota (p. 52) and Wisconsin-Iowa (p. 54) boundary waters. The Minnesota-Iowa state line is approximately 1.3 miles north of Victory. Please see the proper regulations for those waters.

## VILAS

Vilas County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information). Unless posted otherwise, the minimum length limit on walleye is 15" and the daily bag limit is 3 on all waters of the Lac du Flambeau reservation not listed below. Please check for notices at access points.

- ☆ **Allequash Lake:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Amik Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye.
- **Anvil Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- **Arbor Vitae Lakes (Big and Little):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Basin Lake:** is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 50.

- **Big Lake (S13, T43N, R8E):** is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 50.
- ☆ **Big Lake (S4, T42N, R6E):** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40". There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. Catch and release only on largemouth and smallmouth bass.
- **Big Bateau Lake:** is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 50.
- **Big Crooked Lake (S12, T42N, R6E):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye.
- **Big Crooked Lake (S22, T41N, R5E):** The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3 unless posted otherwise.
- ☆ **Big Muskellunge Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40". After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- **Big Portage Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- **Birch Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Bittersweet Lake:** The daily bag limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass is zero (catch and release only!).
- **Boulder Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Buckskin Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Crab Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Crampton Lake:** is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 50.
- **Crystal Lake (S1, T42N, R10E):** is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 50.
- **Cyrus Lake:** is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 50.
- **Dead Pike Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Eagle Chain and connecting waters (including Catfish, Cranberry, Duck, Eagle, Lynx, Otter, Scattering Rice, Voyageur, Watersmeet, Yellow Birch):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept. There is a daily bag limit of 3 walleye with only one fish over 18" allowed.
- ☆ **Ellerson Lakes (East and Middle):** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- **Emily Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Escanaba Lake:** The season is open all year with no daily bag limit or length limit on any fish.
- **Fishtrap Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Forest Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed. After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.

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- ☆ **Gunlock Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1. The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3 unless posted otherwise.
- **Harris Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **High Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Jenny Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye.
- ☆ **Kentuck Lake:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40". The minimum length limit on walleye is 28" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- **Lac du Flambeau Chain:** The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3 unless posted otherwise.
- **Lac Vieux Desert:** is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 50.
- **Laura Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Little Bass Lake (S15, T40N R8E):** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- **Little Presque Isle Lake:** is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 50.
- ☆ **Little St. Germain:** The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 45".
- **Little Trout Lake:** The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3 unless posted otherwise.
- **Lost Canoe Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- **Mamie Lake:** is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 50.
- **Manitowish Chain (includes Alder, Clear, Fawn, Island, Little Star, Manitowish, Spider, Stone, Rest, Wild Rice Lakes, and Rice Creek upstream to County Hwy. K):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Mill Lake:** is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 50.
- **Nebish Lake:** Smallmouth bass season is open all year. There is no minimum length limit on smallmouth bass, but smallmouth bass 9" through 12" may not be kept.
- **North Crab Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Norwood Lake:** is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 50.
- ☆ **Oberlin Lake:** The daily bag limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is zero (catch and release only!).
- **Oxbow Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Palette Lake:** Smallmouth bass season is open all year. The minimum length limit on smallmouth bass is 16" and the daily bag limit is 2. The lake trout season is closed.
- ☆ **Papoose Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".
- **Plum Lake (S9, T43N, R8E):** is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 50.
- ☆ **Plum Lake (S36, T40N R7E):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed. After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.

- **Presque Isle Chain (Including Presque Isle, Averill, Van Vleit):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Prong Lake:** The daily bag limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is zero (catch and release only!).
- **Roach Lake (S7, T43N, R8E):** is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 50.
- **Rock Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Rush Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Salsich Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- **Sanford Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye.
- **Sherman Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Smith Lake:** The daily bag limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is zero (catch and release only!).
- **Smoky Lake:** is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 50.
- ☆ **Sparkling Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40". The minimum length limit on walleye is 28" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- **Spruce Lake:** Only artificial flies and lures may be used. Largemouth bass season is open all year with a 12" minimum length limit and a daily bag limit of 2.
- **Squaw Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Star Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Stateline Lake:** is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 50.
- **Tenderfoot Lake:** is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 50.
- ☆ **Trout Lake:** There is a daily bag limit of 3 walleye. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 45". The daily bag limit for whitefish and cisco is 10. After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- **Turtle Lakes (North and South):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- ☆ **Wabasso Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- **West Bay Lake:** is part of the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. See those regulations on p. 50.
- ☆ **West Plum Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- ☆ **White Sand Lake - Hwy. K (T42N, R7E, S27):** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but walleye from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed. After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1.

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- ☆ **Whitney Lake:** After June 20, the minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" with a daily bag limit of 2.
- **Wildwood Lake:** Only artificial flies and lures may be used. Largemouth and smallmouth bass season closes November 15.

## WALWORTH

Certain waters in Walworth County are designated as urban (or special) waters and have different regulations (see p. 16).

- **Beulah Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted. There is no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass, but bass from 12" through 16" may not be kept.
- **Como Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- ☆ **Delavan Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" and the daily bag limit is 3. The minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40". The minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" with a daily bag limit of 1. The minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" and the daily bag limit is 1.
- ☆ **Geneva Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- **Lulu Lake:** The daily bag limit on panfish is 10 in total. *There is no minimum length limit on largemouth or smallmouth bass, but bass from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed with a daily bag limit of 3 in total.*
- **Whitewater Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.

## WASHBURN

Washburn County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information). Motor trolling is permitted county wide. The county-wide minimum length limit on muskellunge is 40".

- **Bass Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye, but only one fish over 14" is allowed.
- **Bear Trap Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass.
- **Birch Lake:** The daily bag limit of panfish is 25, of which only 10 can be bluegill.
- **Bridge Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass.
- **Deep Lake (southeast Washburn Co., just west of County Line Lake; T38N R10W S25):** There is no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass.
- **Fawn Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass.
- **Mallard Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass.
- **Namekagon River (and flowages):** Lake sturgeon season is closed all year.
- **Otter Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass.
- **Sawmill Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass.
- **Shell Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye.
- **Slim Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" and the daily bag limit is 2.
- **Telstar Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass.
- **Totagatic River (and flowages):** Lake sturgeon season is closed all year.
- **Unnamed Lake (S25, T38N, R10W):** There is no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass.
- **Unnamed Lake (S24, T38N, R10W):** There is no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass.
- **Wolf Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass.

## WASHINGTON

Certain waters in Washington County are designated as urban (or special) waters and have different regulations (see p. 16).

- **Big Cedar Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 40" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- **Gilbert Lake:** The minimum length limit on northern pike is 40" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- **Lake Twelve:** The minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1. The daily bag limit on panfish is 10 in total.
- **Pike Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.

## WAUKESHA

Motor trolling is permitted county-wide. Certain waters in Waukesha County are designated as urban (or special) waters and have different regulations (see p. 16).

- ☆ **Big Muskego (including Bass Bay):** The minimum length limit on bass is 18" with a daily bag limit of 1. The minimum length limit on panfish is 8" with a daily bag limit of 15 fish in total.
- **Eagle Spring Lake:** The daily bag limit on panfish is 10 in total. *There is no minimum length limit on largemouth or smallmouth bass, but bass from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed with a daily bag limit of 3 in total.*
- ☆ **Lac LaBelle:** The minimum length limit on walleye is 20" with a daily bag limit of 1. There is a closed season on flathead catfish. There is a total combined bag limit of 15 for bluegill, crappie, pumpkinseed, and yellow perch.
- **Oconomowoc Lake:** The minimum length limit on walleye is 18" with a daily bag limit of 3.

## WAUPACA

The county-wide daily bag limit on catfish is 25, of which only 2 may be flathead catfish.

- **Brekke Lake:** There is no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass and the daily bag limit is 3, but bass from 14" through 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- **Campbell Lake:** ☞
- **Cincoe Lake:** Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" with a daily bag limit of 2.
- **Embarrass River:** Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" with a daily bag limit of 2.
- **Kinney Lake:** ☞
- **Little Wolf River (downstream from the dam at Manawa):** Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" with a daily bag limit of 2.

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- **Partridge Crop Lake:** Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" with a daily bag limit of 2.
- **Partridge Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted. Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" with a daily bag limit of 2. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested.
- **Waupaca River (downstream from the dam at Weyauwega):** Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" with a daily bag limit of 2.
- **White Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Wolf River:** Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. Lake sturgeon season is closed all year. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 26" with a daily bag limit of 2.

## WAUSHARA

The county-wide daily bag limit on catfish is 25, of which only 2 may be flathead catfish.

- **Bean's Lake:** ☞.
- **Fox River:** Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested. Motor trolling is permitted. Lake sturgeon season is closed all year.
- **Lake Poygan:** Motor trolling is permitted. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested. Closed all year to hook and line fishing for lake sturgeon. Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish.
- ☆ **Long Lake (S7, T20, R12E):** There is no open season on muskellunge. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" with a daily bag limit of 1.
- **Pine River (downstream from the dam at Poysippi):** Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested.
- **Pumpkinseed Creek:** Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested.
- ☆ **Round Lake (S35, T20N, R11E):** There is no minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass and the daily bag limit is 3, but bass from 14" to 18" may not be kept, and only one fish over 18" is allowed.
- **Willow Creek (downstream from the dam at Auroraville):** Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested.

## WINNEBAGO

The county-wide daily bag limit on catfish is 25, of which only 2 may be flathead catfish.

- **Fox River:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested above the Neenah-Menasha Dam. Motor trolling is permitted. Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. Lake sturgeon season is closed all year.
- **Little Lake Butte des Morts:** ☞. Motor trolling is permitted. There is no minimum length limit on northern pike with a daily bag limit of 5.
- **Pumpkinseed Creek:** Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested.
- **Rush Lake:** Motor trolling is permitted.
- **Winnebago Pool Lakes (includes Winnebago, Butte des Morts, Winneconne, and Poygan):** Motor trolling is permitted. There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested. Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish.
- **Wolf River:** There is no minimum length limit on walleye. Sauger may not be harvested. Hook and line fishing is open all year for all fish species except muskellunge, northern pike, lake sturgeon, trout, paddlefish and threatened or endangered fish. Lake sturgeon season is closed all year.

## WOOD

Wood County is in the ceded territory (see page 8 for additional ceded territory information).

- ☆ **Wisconsin River (including all impoundments and sloughs):** ☞. Motor trolling is permitted. The minimum length limit on northern pike is 32" with a daily bag limit of 1. There is a 15" minimum length limit on walleye and sauger, but fish from 20" through 28" may not be kept and only one fish over 28" is allowed.
- **Yellow River (downstream from the Hwy 54 dam at Dexterville):** ☞. There is a 15" minimum length limit on walleye and sauger, but fish from 20" through 28" may not be kept and only one fish over 28" is allowed.

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## TV Show for Kids

*Into the Outdoors* is DNR's Emmy Award winning TV show for kids. The half-hour program is hosted by kids who use the Internet to find other kids their age doing outdoor activities and learning about the environment. The show is linked to *EEK!*, DNR's web site for kids, and airs on weekend mornings. See local TV listings for times and stations.





# Open Seasons, Length Limits, and Bag Limits

## GENERAL INLAND WATERS

**\*Remember: Also check the *Special Regulations - Listed by County* section, the Great Lakes and Boundary Waters tables, and the Tributary Streams to Green Bay and Lake Michigan table.**

| FISH SPECIES — species not listed have no open season.  | OPEN SEASON<br>(all dates inclusive)   | DAILY LIMIT   | MINIMUM<br>LENGTH |
|---|--|---|-------------------|
| <b>LARGEMOUTH BASS AND SMALLMOUTH BASS</b><br>Northern Zone (see map on page 8)   | May 3 - June 20  | 0 (catch and release)                                   |                   |
|   | June 21 - March 1  | 5 in total  | 14 inches         |
| Other inland waters   | May 3 - March 1  | 5 in total  | 14 inches         |
| <b>ROCK, YELLOW (STRIPED) AND WHITE BASS</b>  | open all year  | none  | none              |
| <b>PANFISH:</b><br><b>BLUEGILL, PUMPKINSEED, SUNFISH, CRAPPIE AND YELLOW PERCH</b>  | open all year  | 25 in total   | none              |
| <b>BULLHEADS AND ROUGH FISH (see definition on page 12)</b>   | open all year  | none  | none              |
| <b>CATFISH (CHANNEL, FLATHEAD)</b>  | open all year  | 10 in total   | none              |
| <b>CISCO AND WHITEFISH</b>  | open all year  | 25 pounds plus one more fish of either species in total | none              |
| <b>MUSKELLUNGE (INCLUDES HYBRIDS)</b>   |  |   |                   |
| <b>Northern Zone:</b> Inland waters north of U.S. Hwy 10 (excluding Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters)   | May 24 - Nov 30  | 1   | 34 inches         |
| <b>Southern Zone:</b> Inland waters south of U.S. Hwy 10  | May 3 - Nov 30   | 1   | 34 inches         |
| <b>NORTHERN PIKE</b>  |  |   |                   |
| <b>Northern Zone:</b> Inland waters north of US Hwy 10 (excluding Wis-Mich. boundary waters)  | May 3 - March 1  | 5   | none              |
| <b>Southern Zone:</b> Inland waters south of US Hwy 10  | May 3 - March 1  | 2   | 26 inches         |
| <b>PADDLEFISH (SPOONBILL CATFISH)</b>   | CLOSED all year - no fishing for paddlefish.   |   |                   |
| <b>RUFFE, WHITE PERCH AND GOBIES</b>  | CLOSED all year - one may be killed and possessed for transport to a WDNR office.  |   |                   |
| <b>LAKE STURGEON</b><br><b>Lakes Poygan, Winneconne, Butte des Morts, Winnebago and connecting waters; Embarrass R.,</b> from Pella dam (Shawano Co.) downstream to the Wolf R.; <b>Shioc R.,</b> from Outagamie-Shawano Co. line to the Wolf R.; <b>Little Wolf R.,</b> from Manawa dam (Waupaca Co.) to the Wolf R.; <b>Wolf R.,</b> from the Keshena Falls to Lake Poygan; <b>Fox R.,</b> from the first dam upstream of Princeton to Lake Butte des Morts; <b>St. Croix R.,</b> from Upper St. Croix Lake to Minnesota; <b>Namekagon R.,</b> from Namekagon Lake to the St. Croix R.; <b>Totagatic R.,</b> from Totagatic Lake to the Namekagon R.; <b>Nemadji R., Allouez Bay, Little Pokegama Bay, Pokegama Bay, and Kimballs Bay</b> (Douglas Co.); <b>Wisconsin R.,</b> from the dam at Wisconsin Dells upstream of its origin at Lac Vieux Desert (Vilas Co.), including all flowages and tributaries upstream to the first dam or highway bridge on the tributary, and all waters of <b>Menominee Co.</b> | CLOSED all year — no fishing for lake sturgeon.<br>NOTE: Spearing lake sturgeon through the ice is allowed on some of these waters. See <b>2003 Lake Winnebago Sturgeon Spearing Regulations and Information</b> for more information. |   |                   |
| Wisconsin River from the Wisconsin Dells Dam downstream   | Sept. 6- Oct. 15   | 1 per season  | 50 inches         |
| Other inland waters (Lake sturgeon taken with hook and line must be tagged and registered. See page 5 for more information).  | Sept. 6 - Oct. 15  | 1 per season  | 50 inches         |
| <b>SHOVELNOSE STURGEON</b><br>Chippewa River below the Interstate Hwy. 94 bridge at Eau Claire including all tributaries to the first dam or lake; Lower Wisconsin River from the Prairie du Sac Dam downstream.  | open all year  | 3   | none              |
| All other inland waters   | CLOSED all year - no fishing for shovelnose sturgeon   |   |                   |
| <b>WALLEYE AND SAUGER (INCLUDES HYBRIDS)</b><br>Walleye waters in the ceded territory (see page 8) may have lower bag limits. Check posted signs or inquire at DNR field offices.   | May 3 - March 1  | 5 in total  | 15 inches         |

**TROUT AND SALMON** - see the **2003-2004 Trout regulations and Guide** or the Lake Superior, Lake Michigan and Tributary Streams tables on pages 55 - 61.

## WISCONSIN - MICHIGAN BOUNDARY WATERS

Includes the Brule, Menominee and Montreal rivers and their sloughs and flowages; that portion of Green bay at the mouth of the Menominee River between the “government pier” or break wall on the south and the “lighthouse pier” or breakwall on the north and a line connecting the eastern-most points of those breakwaters on the east; and Basin, Big, Big Bateau, Crampton, Crystal, Cyrus, Lac Vieux Desert, Little Presque Isle, Mamie, Mill, Norwood, Plum, Roach, Smoky, State Line, Tenderfoot and West Bay lakes.

### FISHING RESTRICTIONS ON WISCONSIN—MICHIGAN BOUNDARY WATERS

- Each angler may fish with a total of three baits, lures or hooks.
- You may not take more than the daily bag limit of fish in a single day. The possession limit or maximum number of fish you may have in your possession AT ANY TIME is the SAME as the daily bag limit.
- **Goldfish, alewife and live crayfish may not be possessed or used for bait** on Wisconsin—Michigan boundary waters.
- **All ice fishing shelters must be removed from Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters by March 15.**
- It is illegal to fish using any method other than hook and line within 200 feet of any fishway, lock or dam.
- Motor trolling is permitted on Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters except Vilas County boundary waters, where motor trolling is prohibited.
- Wisconsin residents need a Wisconsin fishing license and a Michigan resident needs a Michigan fishing license to fish these waters. Residents of other states need a nonresident license from Wisconsin or Michigan. Regulations on these waters differ between the two states. You must obey the regulation of the state in which you are fishing. Wisconsin license holders must have a valid Great Lakes Trout and Salmon stamp privilege (except with a two-day Sports Fishing License) to fish trout or salmon in the Menominee River from the Hattie Street Dam downstream to the eastern end of the breakwalls in Green Bay.

| FISH SPECIES   | OPEN SEASON<br>(all dates inclusive) | DAILY<br>LIMIT        | MINIMUM LENGTH |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| <b>LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS</b><br>All boundary waters   | May 3- June 20                       | 0 (catch and release) |                |
|  | June 21 - Nov. 30                    | 5 in total            | 14 inches      |
| <b>MUSKELLUNGE (INCLUDES HYBRIDS)</b> Some waters may have larger minimum length limits. Look for signs and inquire locally. | May 15 - Nov. 30                     | 1                     | 40 inches      |

|   |   |              |   |
|---|---|--------------|---|
| <b>NORTHERN PIKE</b>  | May 3- March 1  | 5            | none  |
| <b>YELLOW PERCH, WHITE BASS, YELLOW (STRIPED) BASS, CRAPPIE, BLUEGILL AND PUMPKINSEED (SUNFISH)</b>                                 | open all year   | 25 in total  | none  |
| <b>TROUT AND SALMON</b><br>Smoky Lake, Montreal and Menominee Rivers from their mouths upstream to the first dam                    | open all year   | 5 in total   | 10 inches                                     |
| Brule River upstream from Hwy 2   | April 26 - Sept. 30   | 5 in total   | brook trout 8 inches<br>brown trout 12 inches |
| Brule river downstream from Hwy 2 and other Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters  | April 26 - Sept. 30   | 5 in total   | 7 inches                                      |
| <b>LAKE STURGEON</b> (Lake sturgeon taken with hook and line must be tagged and registered. See page 6 for more information.)       | Sept. 6 - Nov. 1  | 1 per season | 50 inches                                     |
| <b>WALLEYE AND SAUGER (INCLUDES HYBRIDS)</b> Some waters may have lower bag limits. Look for signs and inquire locally.<br>In lakes | May 3 - March 1   | 5 in total   | 15 inches                                     |
| In rivers and their flowages  | March 2 - May 2   | 1            | 15 inches                                     |
|   | May 3 - March 1   | 5 in total   | 15 inches                                     |
| <b>RUFFE</b>  | no open season—one may be killed and possessed for transport to a WDNR office |              |   |
| <b>CATFISH</b>  | open all year   | 10           | none  |
| <b>ALL OTHER SPECIES</b>  | open all year   | none         | none  |

## WISCONSIN - MINNESOTA BOUNDARY WATERS

Applies to the stretch of the Mississippi River shared by Wisconsin and Minnesota lying between the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks on the Wisconsin side of the river and the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific railroad tracks on the Minnesota side of the river, including Lake Pepin and Lake St. Croix; the St. Croix River from the Burlington Northern railroad bridge at Prescott north to the point where the river is no longer a boundary between Wisconsin and Minnesota; and the St. Louis River, including St. Louis Bay, Superior Bay, Allouez Bay, Kimballs Bay, Little Pokegama Bay, and Pokegama Bay.

### FISHING RESTRICTIONS ON WISCONSIN—MINNESOTA BOUNDARY WATERS

- Goldfish and alewife may not be possessed or used for bait. Live crayfish may be used for bait on the Mississippi River ONLY— not on other Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters.
- It is illegal to fish using any method other than hook and line within 300 feet of any fishway, lock or dam on the Mississippi River and within 200 feet of these structures on any other water.
- Motor trolling IS permitted on Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters.
- Wisconsin residents need a Wisconsin fishing license and Minnesota residents need a Minnesota license to fish in these boundary waters. Residents of other states need a nonresident license from Wisconsin or Minnesota. **Regulations on these waters may differ between states. You must obey the regulations of the state in which you are fishing.**
- Fishing is prohibited within 300 feet below the Red Wing Dam and Alma Dam from March 1 through April 30 and within 300 feet below the Onalaska Dam from March 15 through April 25.
- Ice fishing: Anglers' names must be prominently displayed on ice fishing shelters (portable or otherwise) in the WI/MN boundary waters.

| FISH SPECIES<br>Species not listed are governed by inland regulations (pages 48-49) | OPEN SEASON<br>(all dates inclusive) | DAILY<br>LIMIT                         | MINIMUM<br>LENGTH |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| <b>LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS</b>   |                                      |  |                   |
| St. Louis R. and the St. Croix R. downstream of St. Croix Falls                     | May 24- March 1                      | 5 in total                             | 14 inches         |
| St. Croix R. upstream of St. Croix Falls  | May 24- Sept.7<br>Sept. 8 - March 1  | 5 in total<br>0 (catch & release only) | 14 inches         |
| Mississippi R.  | open all year                        | 5 in total                             | 14 inches         |
| <b>CATFISH (CHANNEL and FLATHEAD)</b>   |                                      |  |                   |
| St. Louis R. and the St. Croix R. downstream to Hwy. 10 at Prescott                 | open all year                        | 10 in total                            | none              |
| Mississippi R.  | open all year                        | 25 in total                            | none              |

|   |  |              |   |
|---|--|--------------|---|
| <b>MUSKELLUNGE (INCLUDES HYBRIDS)</b><br>St.Louis R., St. Croix R. and Mississippi R. below Prescott  | May24 - March 1  | 1            | 40 inches                                 |
| <b>NORTHERN PIKE</b><br>St. Croix R. downstream to Hwy 10 at Prescott   | May 3 - March 1  | 5            | none                                      |
| Mississippi R.  | open all year  |              |   |
| St. Louis R.  | May10 - March 1  | 2            | none                                      |
| <b>YELLOW PERCH, ROCK BASS, CRAPPIE</b>   | open all year  | 25 of each   | none                                      |
| <b>BLUEGILL, AND PUMPKINSEED (SUNFISH)</b>  | open all year  | 25 in total  | none                                      |
| <b>WHITE BASS AND YELLOW BASS</b>   | open all year  | 25 in total  | none                                      |
| <b>LAKE STURGEON</b> (Lake sturgeon taken with hook and line must be tagged and registered. See page 6 for more information.)<br>Mississippi R., St. Louis R., and St. Croix R. upstream from St. Croix Falls | closed all year  |              |   |
| St. Croix R. downstream from St. Croix Falls  | Sept. 6- October 15  | 1 per season | 50 inches                                 |
| <b>SHOVELNOSE STURGEON</b><br>All Wisconsin—Minnesota boundary waters above the Red Wing Dam on the Mississippi River, St. Louis River, and St. Croix River.  | closed all year  |              |   |
| All Wisconsin—Minnesota boundary waters below the Red Wing Dam on the Mississippi R.  | open all year  | 10           | none                                      |
| <b>WALLEYE AND SAUGER (INCLUDES HYBRIDS)</b><br>St. Croix R. downstream to Hwy. 10 at Prescott  | May 3 - March 1  | 6 in total   | none for sauger;<br>15 inches for walleye |
| St. Louis R.  | May 10 - March 1   | 2 in total   |   |
| Mississippi R.  | open all year  | 6 in total   |   |
| <b>RUFFE, WHITE PERCH, AND GOBIES</b>   | closed all year—one may be killed and possessed for transport to a WDNR office |              |   |

**TROUT AND SALMON**—see 2003-2004 Trout Regulations and Guide

## WISCONSIN - IOWA BOUNDARY WATERS (MISSISSIPPI RIVER)

Any person holding a hook and line license issued by either Iowa or Wisconsin may fish in waters of the Mississippi River lying between the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul railroad tracks on the Iowa side of the river and the Burlington Northern and Sante Fe railroad tracks lying on the Wisconsin side of the river including all sloughs, bay, and backwaters.

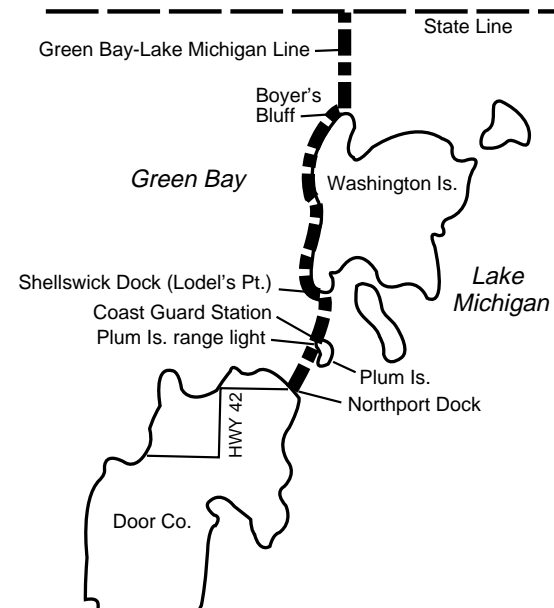
### FISHING RESTRICTIONS ON WISCONSIN—IOWA BOUNDARY WATERS

- **Goldfish and alewife may not be possessed or used for bait** in the Mississippi River. **Live crayfish are legal to use.**
- It is illegal to fish using any method other than hook and line within 300 feet of any fishway, lock or dam on the Mississippi River.
- Motor trolling is permitted on the Mississippi.
- Wisconsin residents need a Wisconsin fishing license and Iowa residents need an Iowa license to fish in these boundary waters. Residents of other states need a nonresident license from Wisconsin or Iowa. **Regulations on these waters may differ between states. You must obey the regulations of the state in which you are fishing.**

| FISH SPECIES  | OPEN SEASON   | DAILY LIMIT                           | MINIMUM LENGTH                            |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| Species not listed governed by inland regulations (pages 48-49) |   |                                       |   |
| LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS                                  | open all year   | 5 in total                            | 14 inches                                 |
| CATFISH (CHANNEL and FLATHEAD)                                  | open all year   | none                                  | none                                      |
| NORTHERN PIKE   | open all year   | 5                                     | none                                      |
| YELLOW PERCH, ROCK BASS, CRAPPIE                                | open all year   | 25 of each                            | none                                      |
| BLUEGILL, AND PUMPKINSEED (SUNFISH)                             | open all year   | 25 in total                           | none                                      |
| WHITE BASS AND YELLOW BASS                                      | open all year   | 25 in total                           | none                                      |
| LAKE STURGEON   | closed all year—there is no fishing for lake sturgeon |                                       |   |
| SHOVELNOSE STURGEON   | open all year   | none                                  | none                                      |
| WALLEYE AND SAUGER (INCLUDES HYBRIDS)                           | open all year   | 10 in total,<br>only 6 may be walleye | none for sauger;<br>15 inches for walleye |

## TRIBUTARY STREAMS TO GREEN BAY & LAKE MICHIGAN

Tributary streams to Green Bay and Lake Michigan are defined as the Little River from its confluence with the Oconto River upstream to the Highway 141 bridge, the Kewaunee River and its tributaries (except Little Scarboro Creek, Scarboro Creek, Roger Creek, and Casco Creek), the Milwaukee River upstream to the Hwy 60 Grafton dam in the village of Grafton, and tributaries of the Milwaukee River upstream to the first dam or lake, the Menomonee River from its confluence with the Milwaukee River upstream to the Lepper Dam in the village of Menomonee Falls and tributaries of the Menomonee River upstream to the first dam or lake, the Pike River and its tributaries, streams flowing into the Fox River downstream of the DePere Dam, and all other streams and ditches upstream from their mouths to the first dam or lake. (The Menominee River, Wisconsin/Michigan boundary waters, see p. 50, and the Fox River upstream to the DePere Dam, Lake Michigan, see p. 58, are not considered tributary streams.)



“Green Bay” means those waters of Lake Michigan located to the west of the Green Bay-Lake Michigan Line. That line runs from Northport dock northeasterly to Plum Is. range light to the Plum Is. Coast Guard Station to Shellswick Dock (Lodell’s PT.) on Washington Is. along the west shore of Washington Is. to Boyer’s Bluff light then north to the State line.

“Green Bay” includes Green Bay, Sturgeon Bay, Sawyer Harbor, and the Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal located north and west of the center of the WPS power lines, and the Fox River from its mouth up to the dam at DePere.



## FISHING RESTRICTIONS ON TRIBUTARY STREAMS TO GREEN BAY & LAKE MICHIGAN

- Alewife may be used as bait in tributaries, rivers, and ditches upstream to the first dam or lake. Live crayfish may not be possessed while fishing on the tributaries.
- Motor trolling is not permitted on the tributaries except in Racine County.
- **No hook and line fishing at night** —From October 1 to the first Saturday of the following May, hook and line fishing is prohibited from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise in the tributaries. This restriction DOES NOT apply to the Oconto River and its tributaries and the Peshtigo River, from the most downstream railroad bridge at the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 section 30, township 30 north, range 23 east, (Peshtigo City Garage) downstream to the mouth.
- **Hook size restriction** —From October 1 to the first Saturday of the following May, you may not use hooks that have a gape size larger than one-half inch from point to shank in tributaries.
- You must have a fishing license and a valid Great Lakes Trout and Salmon stamp privilege or a two-day Sports Fishing License to fish for trout and salmon in the tributaries (up to the first dam or lake).
- All other statewide general fishing restrictions apply (see pages 6-9).
- Smelt and suckers: See the 2003-2004 Wisconsin Spearing and Netting Regulations for regulations on dipnetting smelt and suckers in the tributaries.

- **Special open season for Green Bay tributaries** - the following stream sections are open year round for all species except muskellunge, lake sturgeon, lake trout, largemouth and smallmouth bass, and yellow perch (however, tributaries to these stream sections are not open all year): **Duck Creek** (Brown Co.), from the first dam above the Pamperin Park footbridge (Village of Howard) downstream to Green Bay; **Suamico River** (Brown Co.), from the CTH "HS" bridge downstream to Green Bay; **East River** (Brown Co.), from the CTH "XX" (Hoffman Road) bridge downstream to the Fox River; **Little Suamico River** (Oconto Co.), from the CTH "J" bridge downstream to Green Bay; **Pensaukee River** (Oconto Co.), from the CTH "J" bridge downstream to Green Bay; **Oconto River** (Oconto Co.), from the Stiles dam downstream to Green Bay; **Little River** (Oconto Co.), from the Highway 141 bridge downstream to the Oconto River; **Little River** (Marinette Co.), from the Rader Road bridge downstream to Green Bay; and **Peshtigo River** (Marinette Co.), from the Peshtigo dam downstream to Green Bay. (NOTE: there is no hook and line fishing allowed for any species on all other Green Bay and Fox River tributaries and ditches, including tributaries to the above streams, from their mouth up to the first dam or lake from March 2 - May 4).

| FISH SPECIES   | OPEN SEASON<br>(all dates inclusive)                                 | DAILY LIMIT  | MINIMUM LENGTH |
|--|--|--|----------------|
| <b>FISH SPECIES NOT LISTED BELOW</b>   |  |  |                |
| Tributaries to Green Bay   | May 3 - March 1*   | none   | none           |
| Tributaries to Lake Michigan   | open all year  | none   | none           |
| <b>LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS</b>  |  |  |                |
| Tributaries to Green Bay   | May 3 - March 1  | 5 in total   | 14 inches      |
| Tributaries to Lake Michigan north of Hwy. 29 (Door & Kewaunee Co.)  | May 3 - June 20  | Catch & Release only   |                |
|  | June 21 - March 1  | 5 in total   | 14 inches      |
| Tributaries to Lake Michigan south of Hwy. 29  | May 3 - March 1  | 5 in total   | 14 inches      |
| <b>WALLEYE AND SAUGER (INCLUDES HYBRIDS)</b>   |  |  |                |
| Tributaries to Green Bay   | May 3 - March 1*   | 3 in total   | none           |
| Tributaries to Lake Michigan   | open all year  | 5 in total   | 15 inches      |
| <b>MUSKELLUNGE (INCLUDES HYBRIDS)</b>  |  |  |                |
| Tributaries north of Hwy. 10 (located in the counties of Marinette, Oconto, Brown, Door, Kewaunee and Manitowoc)       | May 24 - Nov. 30   | 1  | 50 inches      |
| Tributaries south of Hwy. 10 (located in the counties of Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha) | May 3 - Nov. 30  | 1  | 34 inches      |
| <b>BLUEGILL, PUMPKINSEED, SUNFISH, YELLOW PERCH, AND CRAPPIE</b>   |  |  |                |
| Tributaries to Lake Michigan   | open all year except yellow perch which is open June 16- April 30    | 25 in total but only 5 may be yellow perch                             | none           |
| Tributaries to Green Bay   | May 3 - March 1* except yellow perch which is open May 20 - March 15 | 25 in total but only 10 may be yellow perch                            | none           |
| <b>NORTHERN PIKE</b>   |  |  |                |
| Tributaries to Green Bay   | May 3 - March 1*   | 5  | none           |
| North of US Hwy. 10 (except the Manitowoc River)   | open all year  | 5  | none           |
| South of US Hwy. 10 (including the Manitowoc River)  | open all year  | 2  | 26 inches      |
| <b>LAKE STURGEON</b>   |  |  |                |
| NO OPEN SEASON   |  |  |                |
| <b>RUFFE AND GOBIES</b>  |  |  |                |
| No open season - one may be killed & possessed for transport to a WDNR office  |  |  |                |
| <b>WHITE PERCH</b>   |  |  |                |
| open all year  |  |  |                |
| <b>CATFISH</b> (see page 19 for Brown County)  |  |  |                |
| Tributaries to Lake Michigan   | open all year  | 10   | none           |
| Tributaries to Green Bay   | May 3 - March 1*   | 10   | none           |
| <b>LAKE TROUT</b>  |  |  |                |
| Mar 1 - Oct. 31  |  |  |                |
| <b>OTHER TROUT AND SALMON</b>  |  |  |                |
| Tributaries to Lake Michigan   | open all year  | 5 in total; only 2 may be lake trout during the lake trout open season | 10 inches      |
| Tributaries to Green Bay   | May 3 - March 1*   |  |                |

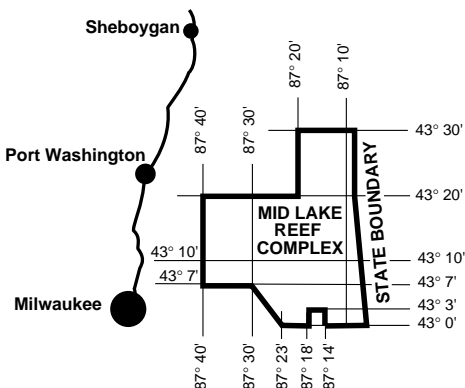
\* Except see "Special open season for Green Bay tributaries" p. 56

## LAKE MICHIGAN

Includes the Bay of Green Bay, the Fox River upstream to the DePere dam, Sturgeon Bay, other bays to Lake Michigan and Green Bay. See pages 55-57 for regulations for the tributary streams to Green Bay and Lake Michigan.

### FISHING RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE MICHIGAN WATERS

- Lake trout may not be possessed while fishing within the area indicated on the map:



- Goldfish may not be possessed or used for bait. Alewife and live crayfish may be used for bait on Lake Michigan.
- All ice fishing shelters must be removed by March 15 on Green Bay and Lake Michigan.
- Motor trolling is permitted on Lake Michigan.
- You must have a fishing license and a Great Lakes trout and salmon stamp privilege or a valid two-day Sports Fishing License to fish for trout and salmon in Lake Michigan.
- Smelt and suckers: See the *2003-2004 Wisconsin Spearing and Netting Regulations* for regulations on taking smelt and suckers with nets and spears.
- All other statewide fishing restrictions apply (see pages 6-9).

See map on page 55 for Green Bay-Lake Michigan Line.

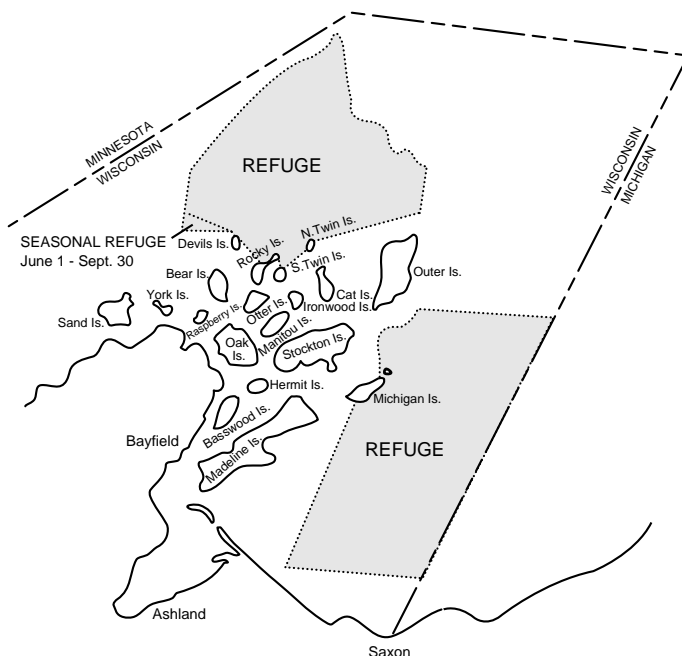
| FISH SPECIES Species not listed are governed by inland fishing regulations (pages 48-49). | OPEN SEASON (all dates inclusive)   | DAILY LIMIT  | MINIMUM LENGTH |
|---|---|--|----------------|
| <b>LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS</b>   |   |  |                |
| Within one-fourth mile of all islands in the Town of Washington Island                    | July 1 - March 1  | 5 of each  | 12 inches      |
| Other L. Michigan waters  | May 3 - March 1   | 5 in total   | 14 inches      |
| <b>MUSKELLUNGE (INCLUDES HYBRIDS)</b>   |   |  |                |
| North of Waldo Boulevard, Manitowoc   | May 24 - Nov. 30  | 1  | 50 inches      |
| South of Waldo Boulevard, Manitowoc   | May 3- Nov. 30  | 1  | 34 inches      |
| <b>NORTHERN PIKE</b>  |   |  |                |
| North of Waldo Boulevard, Manitowoc   | open all year   | 5  | none           |
| South of Waldo Boulevard, Manitowoc   | open all year   | 2  | 26 inches      |
| <b>BLUEGILL, PUMPKINSEED, SUNFISH, YELLOW PERCH, AND CRAPPIE</b>                          | open all year for bluegill, sunfish and crappie                                 | 25 in total  | none           |
| <b>YELLOW PERCH</b> in Green Bay and the Fox River  | May 20 - March 15   | 10   |                |
| <b>YELLOW PERCH</b> in Lake Michigan  | June 16 - April 30  | 5  |                |
| <b>LAKE STURGEON</b>  | NO OPEN SEASON  |  |                |
| <b>WALLEYE AND SAUGER (INCLUDES HYBRIDS)</b>  |   |  |                |
| Fox River from its mouth upstream to the dam at DePere                                    | March 2 - May2  | 1  | 28 inches      |
|   | May 3- March 1  | 3 in total   | none           |
| L. Michigan Waters North of Waldo Boulevard, Manitowoc                                    | open all year   | 3 in total   | none           |
| L. Michigan Waters South of Waldo Boulevard, Manitowoc                                    | open all year   | 5 in total   | 15 inches      |
| <b>RUFFE AND GOBIES</b>   | NO OPEN SEASON- one may be killed and possessed for transport to a WDNR office. |  |                |
| <b>WHITE PERCH</b>  | open all year   | none   | none           |
| <b>LAKE TROUT</b>   |   |  |                |
| Mid Lake Reef Complex (see map above)   | NO OPEN SEASON  | 0  | 0              |
| Other L. Michigan Waters  | Open March 1 - Oct. 31<br>CLOSED rest of the year                               | 2  | 10 inches      |
| <b>OTHER TROUT AND SALMON</b>   | open all year   | 5 in total; only 2 may be lake trout during the lake trout open season | 10 inches      |

## LAKE SUPERIOR

Includes bays and harbors (except Allouez Bay, Little Pokegama Bay, Pokegama Bay, and Kimballs Bay are considered boundary waters and are regulated by Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary water regulations). See the trout regulation pamphlet for regulations that apply to trout (including steelhead) and salmon caught from streams flowing into Lake Superior. Fish species not listed here are governed by general inland fishing regulations (pages 48-49) except for the St. Louis River, which is governed by Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary water regulations (pages 52-53).

### Fishing Restrictions on Lake Superior Waters

- No fishing is allowed in the refuge indicated on the map. Specific descriptions of refuge boundaries are available at the Bayfield DNR Office, Box 589, 141 S. Third, Bayfield, WI 54814 (715/779-4035 ext. 15 or 16).
- Goldfish and alewife may not be possessed or used for bait** in Lake Superior. **Live crayfish** may be used for bait on Lake Superior, but not on streams that flow into the lake.
- All ice fishing shelters must be removed from Lake Superior waters by March 15.
- Motor trolling IS permitted on Lake Superior.
- If you fish in Lake Superior waters that are under the jurisdiction of other states or Canada, make sure you have the appropriate fishing license first, and obey the fishing regulations issued by those states or provinces.
- You must have a fishing license and a Great Lakes trout and salmon stamp privilege or a two-day Sports Fishing License to fish for trout and salmon in Lake Superior. You need an inland trout stamp privilege to fish for trout, including steelhead, in streams that flow into Lake Superior.**
- Smelt and other fish: See the *2003-2004 Wisconsin Spearing and Netting Regulations* for regulations on taking smelt and other fish with nets and spears.



| FISH SPECIES<br>Species not listed governed by inland fishing regulations (pages 48-49)                                       | OPEN SEASON<br>(All dates inclusive)  | DAILY LIMIT  | MINIMUM LENGTH   |
|---|---|--|--|
| <b>LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS</b><br>(includes Kakagon River and Slough)  | May 3 - June 20   | 0 (catch and release)  |  |
|   | June 21 - March 1   | 1  | 22 inches  |
| <b>NORTHERN PIKE</b> (may also be speared through the ice on Lake Superior)   |   |  |  |
| Lake Superior   | open all year   | 2  | 26 inches  |
| Tributaries and connected sloughs upstream to first dam or lake   | May 3 - March 1   | 2  | 26 inches  |
| <b>YELLOW PERCH</b>   | open all year   | 25   | none   |
| <b>LAKE STURGEON</b> (Lake sturgeon taken with hook and line must be tagged and registered. See page 6 for more information.) | open all year   | 1 per year   | 50 inches  |
| <b>WALLEYE AND SAUGER (INCLUDES HYBRIDS)</b>  | open all year   | 5 in total, only 1 over 20 inches  | 15 inches  |
| Tributaries and connected sloughs   | May 3 - March 1   |  | 15 inches  |
| <b>RUFFE, WHITE PERCH AND GOBIES</b>  | no open season — one may be killed and possessed for transport to a WDNR office |  |  |
| <b>HERRING AND WHITEFISH (INCLUDES HYBRIDS)</b>   | open all year   | 10 in total  | none   |
| <b>TROUT</b>  | Lake trout—December 1 through September 30;<br>Other trout—open all year        | 10 in total. Only 5 may be salmon and 5 may be trout, of which only 1 may be rainbow trout, 1 may be a brook and only 3 may be lake trout with only 1 lake trout longer than 25 inches | Rainbow trout —26 inches;<br>Brook trout- 20"<br>other trout - 15" |
| <b>SALMON (COHO, CHINOOK, PINK AND ATLANTIC)</b>  | open all year   | 5  | 15 inches  |

## Anglers and Boaters



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## What can you do in the battle against Wisconsin's unwanted pests?

- Become more informed about the spread of non-native species. Consult your state and federal conservation authorities as to the threat of non-native species in your area, and to the laws and regulations governing the importation, culture, maintenance, and stocking of these species.



- Use baitfish with care in lakes and streams. Never release any baitfish to the wild; always destroy them or return them to your bait dealer. Never dip your bait bucket into one lake if it has water in it from another.

- Inspect your boat, trailer, and boating equipment (anchors, centerboards, rollers, axles) and remove any plants and animals that are visible before leaving any waterbody. **Please note: It is illegal to**

**launch or use a boat, boat trailer, or boating equipment if there are any aquatic plants or zebra mussels attached.**

- Understand the biology and needs of aquarium fish species before purchasing them for your home aquarium. Never release pet fish or aquatic organisms from the home aquarium to open waters. Either destroy them, sell or give them to someone else, or return them to the store where originally purchased for proper disposal.
- Support stronger state and federal regulations designed to prevent the spread of non-native species, and let others know your concerns for the protection of native species and biodiversity.

*Please support your state and federal natural resource agencies in all their  
efforts to stop the spread of non-native species of any kind.*

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# Wisconsin's Unwanted Guests

Exotic or non-native species, whether accidentally or intentionally introduced, can have significant impacts on both native species and the habitats native species depend on to survive. Free from predators, competitors, and diseases that keep their numbers in check, species introduced into new habitats often overrun their new home and crowd out native species. Once established, exotic organisms rarely can be eliminated. Management must then focus on minimizing the impact or slowing the spread of the organism.

## Which of these doesn't belong? ALL OF THEM!

1) **Ruffe** (rhymes with tough). - Introduced into Lake Superior in 1986 in ballast water from an ocean-going vessel. Originally from northern Europe . Recently found in Lake Michigan.

2) **Zebra mussel**. - Introduced into the Great Lakes in 1988 in ballast water. Has spread to all Great Lakes and the Mississippi River and major tributaries (17 states and Canada)

3) **Rusty crayfish**. - Introduced around 1960 and spread by anglers who used them for bait. Native to the Ohio River Basin. Frequently displace native crayfish and reduce vegetation.

4) **Eurasian watermilfoil**. - Introduced from Europe and appeared in Wisconsin in the 1960's. Can spread through small fragments. Forms large, dense mats at water surface.

5) **Goby**. - Introduced into the Great Lakes in 1990 in ballast water. Rapidly spreading in Lake Michigan. Gobies can displace native fish, eat their eggs and young, and take over optimal habitats.

6) **White perch**. - Native to the Atlantic Coast. Invaded the Great Lakes in the 1950's. Slowly spreading and increasing their numbers. May have potential to impact walleye populations.

7) **Asian carps**. - Bighead and silver carp. Escaped from fish farming operations in Arkansas in the early 1980's. Recently found in the Wisconsin portion of the Mississippi River.

***How can Wisconsin anglers and boaters play a part in effectively managing these unwanted pests? (please look inside)***

